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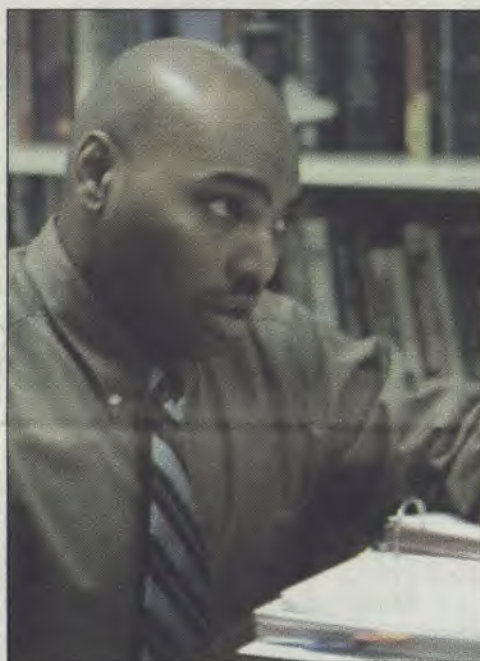
Minorities strive to gain a voice on campus

NIKKI FREDERICK '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

James Felton, LVC's Director of Multicultural Affairs, says more needs to be done to boost the college's minority representation.

As of last semester, there were 113 ALANA (African, Latino, Asian, and Native American) students out of the 1,591 students on campus, which represents about six percent of the student body.

"I can tell you there are no black faculty employed by the college, and I am the only black permanent, full-time administrative staff member on campus [excluding Hallmark employees]," said Felton. "Additionally, I know of only two openly gay faculty on campus. Clearly, we need to increase our efforts to recruit and retain a more diverse faculty and staff."



Katie Zwiebel '12 / LA VIE

CULTURAL CONCERNS LVC's Director of Multicultural Affairs, James Felton, speaks of the challenges and obstacles that the college faces with regard to attracting and keeping minority students and faculty

President Stephen C. MacDonald agrees that "the small number of ALANA students has been a cause of concern for the college for some time. In the Strategic Plan of 2005, we established a target of seven percent for minority students in entering LVC classes. In the revised Strategic Plan...we are raising the minority student target to eight percent in incoming classes. These are modest numbers, I know. But they acknowledge the real obstacles we face in attracting and holding minority students considering the demographic bases from which we traditionally draw our students. We offer generous scholarships specifically aimed for minority students in an effort to encourage them to attend LVC."

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Replacement Dean search ongoing

EMILY GERTENBACH '11
A&E EDITOR

In the last two weeks, three candidates in the ongoing Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty search visited Lebanon Valley College to meet with faculty, administrators, and students.

From the finalists, President Steven C. MacDonald will make a final decision on Ron Toll's replacement.

Each candidate met separately with a group of students for a 45 minute question-and-answer session that allowed each party to learn more about each other.

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Dr. Michael Green was the first candidate to come to campus. He currently serves as the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill.

Dr. Owen Moe, professor of chemistry and head of the search committee, said that Green is interested in faculty development and hiring.

Dr. Mariangela Maguire of Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minn., met with students on Tuesday, Jan. 27. She currently serves as Academic Dean. During her discussion, Maguire talked about relations between educational institutions and the towns they occupy.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, Dr. Betty Powell of Queens University of Charlotte, N.C., was the third and final candidate to visit LVC. She is currently Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Queens.

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Specter visits campus

LINDSAY BRACALE '09
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"Sometimes in a democratic society, you pay for things you do not like," Pennsylvania Republican Senator Arlen Specter said this past week during a visit to LVC. He was referring to the heated topic of government funding for abortion, a subject that was repeatedly brought up during the question and answer session of Specter's visit.

About 75 people attended, including both students and members of the Annville community.

The media was also in attendance, covered by outlets such as *The Patriot-News* from Harrisburg and local television stations. Specter spoke on issues such as the historic inauguration on Jan. 20 and the current economic crisis. He mentioned the \$817 billion economic stimulus package that just passed in the House of Representatives.

"We need to make sure this is an economic answer, not a political answer," Specter said. "We can't just throw money at the problem."

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Ben Waltz '11 / LA VIE

SENATOR SPEAKS PA Senator Arlen Specter visited LVC on Jan. 26 to discuss topics such as the economy and abortion

NEWS

Anh Tran '11

Coming from a diverse background and high school, I never thought that I would come to LVC. In my high school, we had a big program for ESL and about 50 ESL students in comparison to other high schools who only had one or two ESL students. The majority of the school is African American, Hispanic, White, Middle Eastern, and partly Asian. The reason I chose LVC was because it's only 30 minutes away from home. Since I had never left home before, I was a commuter my freshman year. I had no idea what I was getting myself into when I made this decision. Most of my friends went to HACC, Penn State, and Temple.

The diversity here at LVC is not quite what I had in mind. Since Mr. James Felton has taken the office of the Multicultural Affairs, he has made a lot of changes for students that have multicultural backgrounds. Not only is he trying to expand the diversity among students with multicultural background, but he's also trying to reach out to the entire campus. In my opinion, our school is just not diverse enough. We have A.S.I.A. club, but how many students actually know about it? How many students who do not receive Multicultural Fellowship scholarship actually know what it is about? Bottom line: I think that our school needs a lot more multicultural activities in order to expand the diversity because if we don't, eventually we wouldn't have any diversity at all.

Thomas Smith '09

I must admit being a minority on campus here at Lebanon Valley College has been an uncanny experience. However, being from a diverse high school I feel helps in the adjustment process. As a senior student, the current multicultural mentor program I participate in provides vital aid to ensuring that incoming students feel welcome. Attending an institution [that] does not resemble myself equips my cross-cultural experience in order to function in a similar workforce. Overall I feel honored to have made it to senior standing [as a] result of LVC's minority retention rates. I think there should be information collected on ways to increase the retention of minority students, whether it be conducted through anonymous surveys or by hosting exit interviews of minority students to express concerns associated with minority life. I feel as though Lebanon Valley would also benefit from having a more diverse faculty of professors to appeal to minority students.

MINORITY: "Diversity in practice" lacking

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Here are Felton's e-mail responses to a list of questions asked last semester. The Director of Multicultural Affairs plays an important role on our campus, as does Deb Bishop who is also in the office with Felton. Please note that some answers have been slightly edited for space consideration.

Q: More often than not, when you ask students about diversity on campus they say, "What diversity?" How do you feel about this?

A: I cannot say that I completely agree with that response. I like to believe that we have 100% diversity. [It would] be hard pressed not to have some level of exposure or interaction with students from diverse backgrounds (e.g. race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability, among others). However, I would agree that we have a higher representation of some diverse groups on campus than others.

I believe what is lacking on our campus is a diversity of thought and experience. Simply put, this means "diversity in practice." One of the challenges that I face as Director of Multicultural Affairs is that the majority of our students do not fully understand, appreciate, or value the benefits of a multicultural campus. There is a stigma associated with an office that "is only for students of color." There is also a level of apathy when addressing issues of diversity and multiculturalism on campus. That is, students are [quick] to say "that's not my problem" or "that's not my issue." Students must learn to recognize and appreciate the many distinct cultures which exist in society in order for true diversity to exist. That does not mean one has to agree with a person's beliefs or values, but they must learn how to respect viewpoints other than their own.

In the real world, students will not have the luxury of choosing their colleagues, their supervisors, or the clients they serve. There will be few opportunities to apologize or make up for one's lack of [cultural] sensitivity, whether conscious or unconscious. Thus, it is important for all students (majority and minority) to develop a level of multicultural competency in order

to live, work, and succeed in an increasingly diverse world.

Q: How many multicultural students are currently enrolled at LVC? On average, how many drop out after first semester/first year here?

A: First, let me state for the record that "multicultural students" is a misnomer in that "multicultural" includes a representation of racial, cultural, and ethnic diversity. I believe that you are interested in the number of students of color or what high education professionals also refer to as ALANA (African, Latino, Asian, and Native American) student populations. As of the start of

"I believe what is lacking on our campus is a diversity of thought and experience."

JAMES FELTON

Director of Multicultural Affairs

the fall 2008 semester, there were a total of 113 ALANA students. 34 of those were new students. There were a total of five International Students (three from Canada, one from Germany, one semester exchange student from England). These numbers represent the six percent of students enrolled at the College.

Q: What does the bias response team do on campus?

A: The Bias Response Team (BRT), which consists of faculty, administrators, and students, helps to assess situations and events that appear to violate the terms of our social compact expressed in the oath of matriculation when incoming students promise "to respect the community and each of its members as colleagues."

The BRT is conceived as a kind of "hot line" to which people can turn for immediate counsel and assistance in considering the character and gravity of instances of harassment or other acts of bias based on

race, national or ethnic origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, or disability. The Team functions as a non-bureaucratic, agile, and readily accessible forum, reporting directly to the President of the College.

The BRT is not a substitute for existing structures and procedures at the College that deal with allegations of harassment or intimidation. Rather, the Team offers an informal way for members of the LVC community who experience or observe instances of harassment or intimidation to talk confidentially with an objective but sympathetic listener who can help them weigh the character and seriousness of what they have seen or heard and consider an appropriate response.

Q: What is LVC doing to try to increase the number of multicultural students?

A: The board of Trustees continues to set annual enrollment goals for ALANA students... additionally, the college continues to participate in the Lebanon Valley Education Partnership (LVEP).

LVEP was established in 1989 between LVC and the Lebanon School District to encourage children in the city of Lebanon to study, stay in school, and aspire to attend college.

Furthermore, my office along with the Office of Student Activities, Spiritual Life, and Study Abroad promote numerous cultural and social programs (e.g. diverse comedians and speakers, ethnic dinners, cultural fieldtrips, diversity conferences, movies, etc.) that serve to educate and engage the entire campus community.

The greater challenge lies not in our ability to recruit but to retain a diverse student population. The College must continue to address both the challenges and barriers that underrepresented students face on a predominantly white, Christian, heterosexual campus. If the policies, practices, and behavior of the campus do not reflect a welcoming and supportive environment for all, diversity will continue to be an issue on our campus.

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Kenny Montijo '09

Several weeks ago while engaged in a conversation with a fellow student whose name I'll keep anonymous, I was disappointed to hear of her struggles as a minority on this campus. Here we have an intelligent, articulate, and well-carried student questioning her decision to attend one of the northeast's finest liberal arts and pre-professional colleges because a small handful of students reject diversity. In a nation which elected a minority into the world's most prestigious position, minorities are still subject to discrimination. As a young, pre-professional Hispanic male student at LVC, I have been fortunate in not experiencing the disrespect this young woman has come to believe is Lebanon Valley College's [attitude] toward minorities. I have discovered that my experiences during a semester abroad in Spain and an internship in Mexico this past year have increased my sensitivity toward the differences that exist across nations. Mentors such as James Felton and Debra Bishop in the Office of Multicultural Affairs have provided us minorities with valuable opportunities to understand our heritage and the importance of diversity. However, should more cases of discrimination occur, their expertise would be better utilized in illustrating to the white heterosexual majority the importance of diversity. It is the student body that defines the college's culture. It is essential for our student body to understand, accept, and approach diversity with a selfless appreciation. Such an appreciation will only enhance the already firm foundation upon which Lebanon Valley College prides itself.

Adriana Dockery '11

Being a minority on campus really isn't any different than how my whole life has been. It's weird to ask me how it feels to be a minority because it's all I know. I really don't have anything to compare it to. In most of my classes, I am the only minority except for two, but it's the same person in both classes. Sometimes I have a feeling of double consciousness, but I don't usually walk around campus thinking I'm a minority because like I said, it's something I've lived with my whole life. If I wasn't comfortable with it I would have chosen to go to a different school. One of the few times I feel like, "Wow, I'm definitely not in Kansas anymore," is when we get the e-mail about the list of bands to perform at Valley Fest and I have no idea who any of them are. That doesn't deal so much with being a minority as being away from home where everyone likes the same type of music.

NEWS

DEAN: Final choice still undecided

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During her discussion, Powell expressed an interest in promoting diversity on college campuses.

Green, Maguire, and Powell hail from institutions with approximately 2,500 students.

Moe explained that the candidates spent a day and a half on campus.

"The next step is to decide which of the three will be the new dean," Moe said. "[The decision] will be made by President MacDonald. The search committee will provide information about all three candidates but will not recommend a particular candidate, only submitting to President MacDonald an assessment of the strengths and weaknesses."

Students who met the candi-

dates received follow-up surveys from the administration asking their opinions.

"The surveys sent to the students do constitute an important part of the information that the search committee considers when assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates," Moe said.

The college is in the final stages of a search that began nearly a year ago. Currently, the Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty is Bryan V. Hearsey, professor of mathematical sciences. Greg Krikorian, Vice President for Student Affairs, explained the search started by reviewing almost 80 applicants, followed by 10

interviews conducted in Baltimore, Md. From those 10 individuals, the administration chose three.

The official description listed on LVC's website states, "the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean reports directly to the President and is the chief academic officer on campus." Opportunities for the dean include, "creating an environment for positive academic change" and "exploring academic programs and general education requirements."

As of press time, it is not known when MacDonald is expected to make a final decision.

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SPECTER: Answers questions from audience

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The senator then opened up the floor for questions.

LVC students asked questions on a number of issues, including Specter's reasons for voting for the \$700 billion bailout back in October.

"We were facing a potential economic calamity," Specter answered. "I thought it was necessary to stop a domino effect on the economy." He said that the bailout was done in a hurry, and "we didn't call through the matter as we should have."

The most discussed topic during the visit was abortion. An LVC student introduced the subject, asking about Specter's voting record for abortion funding. Specter said he first supports abstinence education to help prevent unwanted pregnancies and to eliminate the need for abortion. However, Specter added, "Access should not depend on the ability to pay." He then made the point that people often pay for

things they do not approve of in a democratic society.

The vice president of the College Republicans agrees, but with reservations.

"I feel that it is his job to listen to his constituents and to vote the way they want him to," Zach Strohm '09 said in an e-mail interview. "It is his job to make sure that his constituencies do not have to pay for things which they do not want to. If this is happening on his watch, then he is not doing his job effectively..."

A member of the Annville community pursued the subject, asking about Specter's stance on the Freedom of Choice Act. Specter said he did not know the details of the bill.

Strohm believes his answer was an attempt to pass the question off.

"I find it very hard to believe that he is not aware of what the bill would restrict, allow, fund, etc. I feel that as a constituent, I need to be better

represented, and that he is not properly doing his job," Strohm said.

Specter said he voted against partial-birth abortion and called for a return to basic moral values. "It needs to start in households, with the influence of churches and synagogues," the senator said.

Greg Kauffman '09, president of the College Democrats, believes that Specter made a strong case for his pro-choice stance.

"No one is pro-abortion, and in a free society, we can't dictate morality," he said in an e-mail interview. "Senator Specter's basic argument reflected President Barack Obama's stance. We may not all be able to agree on the issue of abortion, but we can agree on trying to reduce unwanted pregnancies—let's fight the problem, not the symptoms."

Specter is campaigning for re-election in 2010 and is currently focused on re-registering voters as Republican to vote in the 2010 primary election.

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CAMPUS CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

1-31-09 | Silver Hall

Medical Assist

Public Safety Officer assisted Annville ambulance crew in transporting a student to the hospital.

2-1-09 | Sheridan Avenue

Alcohol Violation

Public Safety assisted Annville Township Police Dept. with an intoxicated person. Individual will be cited for public drunkenness by Annville Township PD.

2-1-09 | Vickroy Hall

Disturbance

Public Safety Office received a report of a group of individuals possibly starting a fight. When PSO arrived on location, the group scattered into Vickroy Hall and Sheridan Avenue. Investigation continues; anyone with any information please contact the PSO at x6111.

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

SGA back in session

Printers, ice cream among concerns

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Senior Ryan Zvorsky propositioned Student Government Association to sponsor \$1,200 for basic necessities needed for the production of Lebanon Valley College's yearbook, *The Quittaphilla*.

Reportedly, the yearbook committee needs a new computer and digital camera due to the existing technology being obsolete. SGA needs a revised budget before making a final decision.

Other concerns included broken gym equipment and inefficiency of campus printers. Students requested the return of ice cream flavors such as cotton candy, party cake, and cookie dough.

LVC is also trying to improve laundry service and come up with a no-fee service. One option is increasing tuition fifty to sixty dollars to cover the cost of laundry. No final decision has been made.

Meanwhile, at last week's meeting, Greg Krikorian was present to discuss essential issues affecting campus and academics.

The USA Readership Program is currently under review to see if continual sponsoring is beneficial to the student body. The program

allows LVC students to access daily newspapers for free.

"Student Government is just reviewing the Readership Program to see if students are actually using the papers," says Matt Howell-Clarke, class of 2010 treasurer. "I personally support the program and will encourage other members of SGA to do so as well."

According to the SGA, renovations of the Mund College Center are scheduled to start in 2010. The renovation will cost about \$15 million.

Along the same lines, Stanson Hall is reportedly ahead of schedule and under budget. Once Stanson Hall is complete, four-year housing will be strictly enforced. Four-year housing means students will have to live on campus-owned property for their first four years of college. Special living cases should be brought up to Jason Kuntz. Lebanon Valley College officials are looking into possible options for the Main Street housing due to outdated properties. A final decision has not been made.

Finally, an overflowing waitlist attributed to SGA's sponsorship of a second bus for the ski trip. The bus will cost approximately \$3,000.

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Features

Former prof pens first novel

SARAH GRODZINSKI '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, Jan. 29, former LVC English professor and chairman Dr. Arthur L. Ford stood in front of a crowd of faculty and students in Zimmerman Hall to read from his first novel, *Shunned*, and all he could think of was his favorite quote, "Writers should be read, not heard."

As ironic as Ford found the situation, he was honored to represent Lebanon Valley with such an accomplishment and began to tell his story of the meaning of love.

Dr. Ford shared how a news article he read thirty years ago essentially shaped the theme of his book. The article was about a Reformed Mennonite man who was shunned from the church and community and was no longer allowed to talk

to or make physical contact with his own wife or children.

"Thirty years...that means I'll be nearly 100 when I write my next book," Ford jokes.

Shunned also explores the transformation and introspection of the character, Andy. Andy, who recently went through a divorce with his wife, is trying to find himself. When Andy meets Jacob, a Mennonite man who is being shunned by his church and wife Sarah, he reflects on his own life and previous marriage. The only way Jacob decides he can speak to Sarah is by committing a crime so he can go to court and have Sarah testify as his witness.

Coincidentally, right around the time Ford was looking for a place to publish his book, he ran into Maria Boyer '86, who was not only a graduate of LVC but also one of his

former students. Boyer had recently opened a publishing company, Untapped Talent, and after reading his book, decided to make it their premier product.

"My advice for young writers is to attend as many different writing groups as you can," Boyer says.

While at LVC, Dr. Ford developed the International Students program.

"I've always loved to travel," he admits. "When my children were grown, I got a Fulbright to teach at Damascus University and then four years later, in China." Ford has been invited back to many countries for students' weddings and other gatherings over the years.

In addition to *Shunned*, Ford has published a nonfiction book, *Cinderella and the Seven Dwarfs: The Lebanon Valley College 1952-53 Basketball Team's Improbable Run*

to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen. He has also written several plays which were performed on campus. "Far Green Field," one of his favorite plays he penned, is laced with baseball and mortality metaphors.

"Heaven to me is a baseball field," Ford says.

"Dr. Ford's reading was very well put together," comments current English professor Dr. Gabriel Scala. "He did an amazing job of choosing selections from the novel that both kept the audience engaged and moved us swiftly through key points in the narrative. The discussion by Dr. Ford's publisher on the business of pub-



Katie Zwiebel '12 / LA VIE

NEW NOVEL Former LVC professor Dr. Arthur Ford reads excerpts from his newly published novel, *Shunned*, to LVC students, faculty and community members

lishing was also very interesting and informative."

Dr. Arthur Ford's book can be purchased at the LVC bookstore.

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Radio station needs waves of support

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LVC has a radio station. Its call letters are WLVC. It has an advisor. It has a staff. It even has a station with a microphone and a desk. It has all those things that make a radio station, but you can't listen to it on the air.

There are no AM or FM towers in order for it to stream over the airwaves. It's very difficult and time consuming to acquire an FCC license, says station advisor Professor Jeffery Snyder.

"When FM or AM towers are put into the mix, things become very complicated," says Dave Shapiro, head of IT Services and a former active member of the radio station.

He reports that in the mid-90s, a line similar to a cable or Internet line had to be hooked into a

person's radio or TV in order for them to access the station. Seven years ago the radio station made its leap to the Web. With the help of IT services, the radio station obtained all the gear needed: an audio card and a good output. The WLVC staff brought in its own computer and streamed it over the Internet. Now everyone anywhere can

listen to the radio show as long as they have Internet access.

Students, community members and even people in other states can access the station. To do so they must:

- Log onto www.lvc.edu
- Click on the administration link on left-hand side
- Click Student Activities link



Ben Waltz '11 / LA VIE

• Under "Student Organization Resources" click "Student Organization Websites"

• Under "Campus Media" click the WLVC link

Once on the website, a variety of different shows can be heard. Every Wednesday at 9 p.m., Katy's Power Hour is aired. This is a themed show in which Katy Brodhead '10, a music education major, discusses different genres of music.

There are a number of other shows that air. Thursdays at 10 p.m. is a themed hour of Indie and folk music, while Mondays at 9 p.m. hosts a sports show. There is also a punk and ska show that

can be accessed.

Even though access to WLVC is easier than it once was, it has slowly been on the downswing. According to Shapiro, when he was involved with the radio as a student, late night talk shows commentating live on sports games and a show where the hosts

took part in crazy antics were a few of the shows the station aired. There are an estimated 20 to 25 students who are involved with the radio station according to Shapiro.

To get the audience's interest peaked is most important, says Shapiro. Live local bands, live streams of sports events, interviews with the cast of a play, coaches, or players would draw an audience. Advertising for the event is the first step to capturing an audience's attention, and following through with the event is sure to keep it. Not playing the same music that is played on regular airing radio stations is very important. No one will listen to WLVC if it is playing the same music that 92.1, 93.5, or any of the other local stations play, Shapiro says.

With a limited number of lis-

teners, the radio station is struggling to keep its head above water, especially with the upcoming remodeling of the Mund College Center. With a remodeling in the works, there may be a question of whether or not the radio station can keep its spot on campus.

"Administration needs to know that we are still around and an important part of campus," says Shapiro.

Not one source seems to know how long the radio station has been in operation. When asked, Snyder said he had only been with the college for twelve years and the radio station had already been in existence. Student Government gives the radio station most of their funding. The amount averages about \$1,500 to \$2,000 per year, depending on what kinds of equipment WLVC may need. There does not seem to be a clear future for WLVC at this time; however, Shapiro anticipates a larger listenership and sees a promising future for the station.

"It has been growing in numbers of people involved and listeners over the past few years and is hopefully on a permanent upswing," he says.

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Arts & Entertainment

Slumdog Millionaire worth every penny

ALYSSA BENDER '11
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After winning four Golden Globes and earning ten Academy Award nominations, *Slumdog Millionaire* (directed by Danny Boyle of *28 Days Later* and *Trainspotting*) is garnering some well-deserved attention. Worldwide, the movie has grossed over \$72.8 million. It opened in wide release on Dec. 26.

Jamal (Dev Patel), a teen from the slums of Mumbai, becomes a contestant on the Indian version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" Whether by genius, luck or cheating, Jamal goes further than most contestants do and is arrested, accused of cheating. During the interrogation, Jamal recounts his life story and how he came to know the answers, as well as why he became a contestant on the show.

One of the most intriguing aspects of *Slumdog Millionaire* is how the two story lines of Jamal's life growing up and his run on the game show are interwoven. As Jamal thinks about each question on "Who Wants to be a Million-



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MILLIONAIRE MISFORTUNES Accused of cheating, Jamal (Dev Patel) mentally revisits his complicated past while answering questions as a game show contestant in India

aire?," viewers are submerged into his memories of how he has come to know the answers, ranging from getting an autograph of a beloved movie star to witnessing his brother shoot a gangster.

Slumdog Millionaire is visually astounding as well, as evidenced by the Academy Award nomination for Achievement in Cinematography.

The cinematography is artistically choppy at times and the camera can be shaky, but this adds to the overall feeling of the movie. The viewer feels like he or she is running through the streets of Mumbai alongside Jamal.

The editing has also been recognized with an Academy Award nomination. One shot starts with the camera zooming in towards a

recording of Jamal on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" and as the camera gets closer, it cuts seamlessly into the actual studio of the show.

One aspect of the film one cannot help but notice is the soundtrack, which is nominated for the Academy Award for Best Musical Score. Composed by A.R. Rahman—with a couple songs featuring M.I.A.—the Golden Globe-winning score has an India/techno flavor. "Paper Planes" by M.I.A. (made famous by the *Pineapple Express* trailer) is featured in the soundtrack. Two energetic Indian-influenced songs from the soundtrack ("Oh... Saya" and "Jai Ho") are nominated for the Academy Award for Best Song.

Overall, Boyle's *Slumdog Millionaire* has an engrossing and inspiring story and the technical expertise to go along with it. Finished off with a unique and driving soundtrack, this movie deserves to win every award for which it is nominated.

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The Friday Night Dutchman

Friday, February 6, 2009

8:00 pm, Lutz Hall

ValleyFest Battle of the Bands

The annual competition of bands on campus. Find out whose band is supreme at LVC! Cost is \$3 per person or \$2 per person with a canned good donation at the door. Don't miss this event! The ValleyFest committee will announce the national recording act for this year's ValleyFest concert!

9:00 pm, West Dining Hall

Bingo

Friday, February 13, 2009

8:00 pm

Leedy Theater

Student Musical: "The Pirates of Penzance"

One of Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular comic operas, it was a hit when it opened in 1879 and won several Tony Awards after its 1980 revival in New York. Show runs this weekend through Sunday, Feb. 15 and next weekend through Sunday, Feb. 22.

compiled by Alyssa Bender '11

New Jersey band delivers sweet clusters of sound

AJ MYERS '10
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Dock Grass reportedly sounds like Honey Clusters of Oats.

Just ask Joe Michellini, front man of Tom's River, N.J.-based River City Extension, what listeners can expect from the first ever Dock Grass release.

"They should expect to feel like they're chewing the clusters in Honey Bunches of Oats without milk," says Michellini of *Nautical Sabbatical*, the band's first release, out January 31st. "It should be a little sweet, it should be a little bit crunchy, it should bring the blood out of your gums a bit, but overall it should be a good swallow."

"They actually make that with just the bunches," he continues. "So if somebody can't afford the re-

cord they can go out for \$2.95, get a box of bunches of Honey Bunches of Oats, and chew on that for a while—and they'll have a good idea of what it sounds like."

Originating as Joe's solo acoustic project, River City Extension grew into a trio and, finally, the eclectic mix of instruments it is today.

"It happened very organically," Joe explains. "We didn't really do anything to make it happen."

Members continued to join, found through friends and at gigs, until the current line-up, including Mike Costaney on bass, Jenn Fantaccione on cello, Dan Melius on trumpet, Nick Cucci on djembe, and Desiree Hartman on vocals and mandolin, finally meshed. The band grew throughout the recording of *Nautical Sabbatical*, helping mold the sound of the album.



Courtesy of River City Extension

JERSEY JAM New Jersey based River City Extension brings sweet and crunchy sound to latest album

The band sounds like early Ryan Adams—think *Demolition* with an edge—but Michellini has never heard of him. He claims groups like Modest Mouse and Teegan and Sara as main influences, while other members in the band listen to everything from The Mars Volta to The Roots. The myriad of influences lends itself to a distinct sound, but the front man still wrestles with the idea of creating an entirely unique sound.

"I keep hearing how different this record is, and I don't really know about that. I mean, I feel that we are doing something different, but this record—there's stuff like this," Michellini says.

"I feel like if there's something different you want to listen to you need to check out stuff like Wood Gooled, and you need to listen to Paper Ashtrays."

He points to the mindset of today's listeners as being unfriendly to experimental music and admits he is looking for a way to break into this unfriendly musical environment.

"I put these songs on the record because I feel they are the marketable ones," he explains. "That's not to say that I have sold out. That does not mean that I wrote these songs to get the attention of anybody because I wrote these songs because I felt them."

When asked if he's just trying to justify selling out by pandering to his listeners, the front man defends his viewpoint.

"I sat down and wrote these with just as much heart as the songs that I enjoy, and that does not make them better or worse."

He points to successful bands that made the same leap.

"I think Radiohead is a really smart band in that they put out their marketable songs first... and then, when they had the time and the money to be spent on doing something more

complicated, they did," he says, drawing a comparison between himself and the British band. "And I feel that I am, you know, that's what I'm doing. And if the record takes off then I will have the money to do something a little more experimental and sort of test the waters with the crowd."

Until then, Michellini and the rest of River City Extension will continue writing alt-country masterpieces. The band is Michellini and bassist Costaney's full-time job right now. They pump creativity into the band 24/7, whether they're writing or networking or setting up rehearsals.

"I don't really have any hobbies," Michellini laments, and then he brightens a little. "River City Extension is my hobby. I never realized a band could be so time-consuming."

Nautical Sabbatical will be available on iTunes and other online retailers within the next month. The album can also be purchased at the bands shows. For more information check out myspace.com/rivercityextension.

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TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

Q: I know the spring semester has just started, but I already feel so exhausted. I'm tired of homework and studying, and it's so hard get motivated, especially at this time of year. All I really want to do is sleep and relax all day. How am I going to make it through the next three months?

— *Jaded Junior*

Beth: It sounds like senioritis has hit early in your case, but this happens to almost every college student at some point no matter what year. It's easy to fall into the post-holiday blues...no more winter break, no more Christmas or Thanksgiving, and no more of mom's cooking. But college is an important part of your life, and you

should enjoy it, not wish the weeks by.

Try and break out of the funk by keeping busy and trying new and fun things. LVC has recreational sports like basketball and softball and exercise classes like body pump, body combat and water aerobics. There are also prayer groups, clubs, music performances and sports games. Sometimes spicing up your daily routine helps you get more accomplished because it requires you to make a schedule and stick to it.

One thing you can incorporate into your schedule is time to relax, sleep or watch a movie. If you have to get up early, go to bed an hour earlier. Take a time-out to watch a favorite show. It sounds like you

just need to find a balance, and before you know it, the end of the semester will be right around the corner.

Jen: Moving back and forth from college to home can always cause a little unexpected change in routine. I'm sure the winter break was a nice vacation from waking up for those 8 am classes, and exchanging late night studying for late night hangs outs with friends seemed effortless.

Now, back to the daily grind of school, homework, and other academic responsibilities can seem a bit daunting. But there is so much that you can personally do to be pro-active about your life and getting back into routine. So, make sure you make

the most of your second semester. There's a lot of things to look forward to still. We have Valleyfest and Dutchmen Day coming up, which is always every LVC student's opportunity to take that much needed break from classes.

It's also not too late to get involved with other areas of interest like sports, clubs, and service events. So while sitting in your bed and thinking about how nice it was to have your mom's cooking and hanging out with your friends, don't forget about your friends and the life you've already made for yourself here at LVC.

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Letter to the Editor

LVC student supports open-mindedness on firearm regulations

YOU WROTE

Editor,

I have just read through the two gun related articles published in the December 3 issue of *La Vie*. As an NRA member

and concealed carry permit holder, I always take special interest in issues relating to gun control/rights. The reason for my letter is that I want to applaud the two authors on writing fair pieces relating to this hot-button issue. Often such pieces are biased one way

or the other, but I found this not to be the case in these two articles. Personally I support the idea of students being able to carry concealed firearms on campus because I believe it will create a safer atmosphere and deter anyone thinking of replicating the Virginia Tech

incident. However, even biased gun nuts such as myself need to be open-minded to the other side so I applaud the impartial work done by the *La Vie* staff. Best regards,

Patrick E. Krumenacker '09
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SPORTS

Hockey team iced by competition

NATE YINGER '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Despite a handful of close games over the winter break, the LVC hockey team is still searching for its first win of the year with only six games remaining on schedule.

In a one-week span, the Dutchmen lost three close games that easily could have been wins.

On Jan. 13, #15 SUNY Geneseo traveled to Hersheypark Arena and escaped with a narrow 4-3 win. Goal-tender Aaron Miller '10 played well in net, stopping 36 out of 40 shots, and Josh Goellner '12 scored two short-handed goals; however, their efforts

were not enough to lead the Dutchmen to what would have been an upset victory.

LVC traveled to New England on Jan. 16 and 17 to take on two good teams from the ECAC Northeast conference, UMass Dartmouth and Nichols College.

The Dutchmen led UMass Dartmouth 2-1 after one period, but the Corsairs scored two second period goals, including the game winning goal with just six seconds left in the period, to earn the 3-2 victory. The following night, Nichols scored two third period goals to break a 2-2 tie en route to a 4-2 victory. Rich Drazin '11 performed well in goal both games.

A bright spot for the team is the consistent play of forwards Brad Surdam '11 and Nick Schultz '12, who are tied for the team lead with 13 points apiece. Surdam has five goals and eight assists, while Schultz has eight goals and five assists. Lately, the two have played on the same line and combined on many of the Dutchmen's goals.

LVC hosts #11 Manhattanville College for a pair of conference games this weekend. Friday night's game is at 7 p.m., and Saturday's game is at 3 p.m. Both games are at Hersheypark Arena.

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B-BALL: Men's squad win three straight

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possession, he converted on a three-pointer on the dish from Meehan.

With 5:11 to go in the half, LVC took their first double-digit lead, going up 10 after another Enoch three. The Dutchmen led by as many as 16 points before taking a 40-26 lead into halftime.

Through the first 6:30 of the second half, LVC still maintained their double-digit lead and the Warriors were able to

keep up and still make it a game.

After MacIntosh put home a three-pointer of his own to extend the lead to 12 (64-52), Lycoming was able to chip the lead down to four with less than three minutes left in regulation.

However, Meehan and Enoch shut the door on any kind of comeback, knocking down back-to-back treys to build the lead back to 10 at 71-61.

The Valley have settled in to a fine groove with three straight wins and

look to extend that streak.

"In the last two weeks or so we have really settled down and started playing more relaxed," said Enoch who was named Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week on Monday.

The Dutchmen (10-9, 3-4 CC) will return to action tonight hosting bitter archrival Albright College. Tip-off is slated for 8 p.m. in the second game of the doubleheader.

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SUPER BOWL: Arizona fumbles chance

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gles/Pittsburgh Steelers Super Bowl, at least according to those residing in the Commonwealth. Even the so-called experts were predicting an all-Pennsylvania Super Bowl, but the Cardinals had something to say about that.

The team that was never predicted to win a single play-off game this year beat the equally surprising Atlanta Falcons at home, 30-24. That ended Atlanta's miracle run behind rookie phenom Matt Ryan and gave the Cardinals the unexpected win in the first play-off game ever hosted in Arizona.

But the surprise did not end there. As legend goes, the Cardinals went on to beat the heavily-favored Carolina Panthers, winning their first game on the east coast, and handing Carolina their first home loss since the start of the 2008 season. With that victory and the triumph over the equally surprising Eagles, the Cardinals reached

the Super Bowl.

The Steelers' path was a bit clearer. After playing the hardest schedule in the regular season, the team beat lower-seeded teams to make it to the big game. Several 'experts' even picked the squad to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl, but it was still not an easy road. Pittsburgh had a bye week to open the play-off schedule, then had to overcome the charging Chargers, who were coming off an emotional victory over Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts, and then the men from steel-town where matched up against the surprising Baltimore Ravens.

Ultimately, it set up Sunday's Super Bowl XLIII match-up between the offensive-minded Cardinals of the NFC and the defensive-dominant Steelers of the AFC.

Despite the loss, the Cardinals fought hard. They held the lead with only 2:37 remaining and exposed

holes in a dominant Pittsburgh defense, allowing star-quarterback Kurt Warner to throw for 337 yards and three touchdowns and both star wide-outs Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin to have long receptions. But they did commit a couple key errors and costly fouls.

Nevertheless, Pittsburgh proved to be the better team and are Super Bowl Champions. The defense held together, Big Ben stayed poised and collected, and Holmes stepped up for the injury-ridden Hines Ward, who was a non-factor in the game.

Congratulations Steelers Nation and the great state of Pennsylvania. With the Philadelphia Phillies winning the World Series and Pittsburgh reeling in the Super Bowl title, the state is getting spoiled. Is the Stanley Cup next?

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Scoreboard

Men's Basketball:

1/21 at Elizabethtown	L, 53-70
1/25 at SUNY-Cortland	W, 69-68
1/28 vs. Widener	W, 85-75
1/31 at Lycoming	W, 75-68

Women's Basketball:

1/21 at Elizabethtown	W, 72-51
1/24 vs. F&M	L, 49-70
1/28 vs. Widener	L, 57-59
1/31 at Lycoming	W, 70-69

Ice Hockey:

1/23 at Hobart	L, 1-8
1/24 at Hobart	L, 4-8
1/27 vs. SUNY-Cortland	L, 3-11

Men's Swimming:

1/23 vs. Widener	L, 77-108
1/24 at FDU-Florham	W, 145-32
1/29 at Arcadia	W, 112-69
1/31 at Messiah	L, 98-105

Women's Swimming:

1/23 vs. Widener	L, 83-126
1/24 at FDU-Florham	L, 99-100
1/29 at Arcadia	W, 112-77
1/31 at Messiah	W, 119-85

Men's Track & Field:

1/23 Collegeville Classic	14th
1/31 LVC Invitational	1st

Women's Track & Field:

1/23 Collegeville Classic	17th
1/31 LVC Invitational	1st

Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball:

2/4 vs. Albright	8 p.m.
2/7 at Messiah	4 p.m.

Women's Basketball:

2/4 vs. Albright	6 p.m.
2/4 at Messiah	2 p.m.

Ice Hockey:

2/6 vs. Manhattanville	7 p.m.
2/7 vs. Manhattanville	3 p.m.

Indoor Track & Field:

2/7 at East Stroudsburg	TBA
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VALLEY TALLY

SWIMMING

Even though the men (6-7) hold an advantage over the women (4-9) in overall record, the women took the victory against Messiah on Saturday, beating the Falcons 119-85 while the men fell 98-105. The meet with Messiah marked the last meet before the MAC Championships.

TRACK & FIELD

After a difficult meet at the Ursinus Collegeville Classic, where the men finished 14th out of 19 and the women came in 17th out of 19, the Valley succeeded in their familiar territory, capturing first in both men's and women's competition at the LVC Indoor Invitational. At the invitational, Jenn Cronin broke yet another record, this time the ASC women's mile record with a first-place 5:27.9, winning by nearly eight seconds. Jerome Duncan '12 starred for the men, scoring 28 team points in three events, winning two of those events.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

KYLE ENOCH BASKETBALL

After recording his 1000th career point against E-town, Enoch put up 77 points in three games, including 32 against SUNY-Cortland.



JENN CRONIN TRACK & FIELD

Jenn recorded an overall second place finish at the Collegeville Indoor Classic. In the past two meets she set two new records, including the indoor-5000 record and the ACS women's mile.



BY THE NUMBERS

26

Career high number of points scored by women's basketball player, Erin Schultz '11, as LVC topped Lycoming

315

Total points on the season for men's basketball player, Kyle Enoch '09, who recently topped 1,000 for his career.

15

Number of overall events won by the LVC track & field team at the LVC Indoor Invitational



Ice Hockey continues
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Women's Basketball
returns to form
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SPORTS

Climbing the standings

Back-to-back conference wins put the Dutchmen back in the play-off hunt

RYAN ZVORSKY '09
CIRCULATION MANAGER

At 1-4 in conference play, LVC's men's basketball squad looked to many to be dead in the water.

After winning two crucial Commonwealth Conference contests last week, however, the Dutchmen find themselves right back in the playoff hunt, sitting in a four-way tie for the fourth seed.

After a 69-68 win over SUNY-Cortland thanks to a game-winning lay-up by guard Anthony Trautman '11 with seconds on the clock, the Valley took the home court hosting top-seeded Widener University, defeating the Pride, 85-75.

Point guard Joe Meehan '12 posted his best game of his young career, knocking down 6-of-14 from the floor and 8-of-9 from the line to finish with 20 points. He also dished out eight assists on the night.

The Dutchmen led by as many as 11 points midway through the first half after guard Grant Becker '11 took the dish from Meehan and put it home for the fastbreak lay-up.

The Valley led by 11 points on three other occasions and took a



Courtesy Sports Information

SOLID SHOOTING Kyle Enoch '09 (left and top) led the team over the past three games, scoring 77 points, as the men's squad goes on a 3-game winning streak. Anthony Trautman '11 (bottom right) sunk the game winning shot on Jan. 25 in the Valley's 69-68 victory over SUNY-Cortland

37-30 advantage into the locker rooms.

Guard Sean MacIntosh '11 started off the second half with a deep trey off the feed from Becker to stretch the back to double digits at 10.

Widener paced their way back into the game and cut the lead to just two at 42-40 after a 12-5 run ended on a Jamarr Johnson deuce.

LVC worked their lead back up to eight after a Meehan fastbreak lay-up at the 12:53 mark to make it 51-43.

Forward Dan Dunkelberger '10, who scored 12 points to go along with eight rebounds, helped put the final touches on the game in the final 2:48 as Meehan sank six of his eight

free throws during the stretch too.

Becker and guard Kyle Enoch '09 also scored in double figures, as Becker chipped in with 14 points while Enoch drained 18 points.

For the contest, the Dutchmen shot a sizzling .917 (22-of-24) from the charity stripe.

On Saturday afternoon, Enoch and the Valley traveled to conference rival Lycoming, winning on the road, 75-68.

Enoch led the squad with 27 points on 8-of-12 shooting, 5-of-5 from the line, and a blistering 6-of-9 from beyond the arc. He saw 39 minutes of action on the afternoon.

For his career, Enoch currently sits at 1,080 points, after hitting a career-high 32 points against SUNY-Cortland.

"I am really lucky that I came into a program where I have had a chance to play," said Enoch in response to his ability to break the 1,000 point plateau.

The Valley took their first lead of the game at the 15:20 mark after MacIntosh hit a trey as forward Eric Humphrey '09 assisted on the bucket.

Enoch put his team up by six (16-10) early on after hitting a jumper from the outside. On the previous

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Steelers steal the show

Closing the curtain on another NFL season

STEVEN H. WISNER '09
LA VIE SPORTS EDITOR

With the Arizona Cardinals taking their first lead of the game, 23-20, with only 2:37 remaining in the fourth quarter, the entire state of Pennsylvania took a collective gasp.

The Pittsburgh Steelers' backs were against the wall, but everyone, even the Cardinals, knew the game was not over, not yet.

With an amazing drive led by now-two-time Super Bowl Champion, 26-year old quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, the Steelers came back to secure the lead and the win.

In a drive where Roethlisberger connected with Super Bowl MVP wide-out Santonio Holmes four times, including the now-famous diving touchdown catch in the corner of the end zone, the Steelers turned a very good Super Bowl into an historical one.

With that one amazing drive, and a questionable fumble that officially ended the game, the Cinderella story of the surprise team from Arizona disappeared into NFL history.

"I have to say, that's one of the best Super Bowls that I've ever seen," said Matt Smith '12, a Steelers fan. "It was an excellent game."

The game had a lot of hype to live up to following the thrilling end of Super Bowl XVII, including the on-the-head grab by then-Giants receiver David Tyree. But, Super Bowl XVIII had its own thrills, including: a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown by LB-James Harrison to end the first half, a safety, an always exciting Larry Fitzgerald touchdown reception, and the Holmes grab with 35 second remaining. A fitting end to a season full of surprises.

Just two weeks ago, the unlikely of Super Bowls spawned a great deal of disappointment in Pennsylvania.

With the AFC Championship game and the NFC Championship game both featuring a Pennsylvania team, it was supposed to be a Philadelphia Ea-

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Women's basketball rebounds

Poor shooting over shown by latest buzzer beater win

SHEREA JONES '11
LA VIE SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team gained a much needed victory on Saturday, as they defeated Lycoming, 70-69. Second-year guard, Lori Lidlow '11, made the game winning lay up to secure the lead and the win, with only 4.4 seconds remaining.

The win was the team's first in the last 3 games.

Prior to Saturday's game, the ladies had lost two consecutive games, both as a result of poor shooting performances.

On Jan. 23, the women were defeated by Franklin and Marshall, 70-49. In that game, the Valley's field goal percentage was at a disap-



Courtesy Sports Information

GREAT GUARDS Andrea Hoover '11 (left) is third on the team in ppg (10.1) and first in assists (93). Lori Lidlow '11 (right) leads the team in ppg (15.7) and is second in assists (51). Lidlow also made the game winning shot against Lycoming in Saturday's victory

pointing 28 percent.

The Dutchmen bounced back a little on Jan. 28 when they improved their field goal percentage, but fell to the Widener University Diplomats, 59-57.

During Saturday's game, howev-

er, the Women's shooting performance improved to a respectable 42.6 percent.

The squad also shot an impressive 11-21 (52.4%) from beyond the three-point arc.

Leading the team in that cat-

egory was Eryn Schultz '11, who was 6-11 from beyond the arc, recording 18 of her career high of 26 points from three-point range. Her impressive performance helped lead the team to the narrow victory and got her recognized as the Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week.

With the win, the team improved to 5-2 in the Commonwealth Conference, giving them a 12-6 overall record. With the victory, the Dutchman also swept the series against Lycoming.

The women look to keep the momentum going as they host conference rival Albright this Wednesday at 6pm in Arnolds Gymnasium.

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Student government wants campus to voice concerns

EMILY GERTENBACH '11
A&E EDITOR

As all who attend Lebanon Valley know, it is a small campus. In terms of distance and volume, it's no problem to be heard when standing outside and shouting to someone halfway across the campus.

Yet what about being heard in another sense? Is it really possible for students to pitch ideas and suggestions to the administration? Certainly it is possible to shout it outside and be heard in that sense—but where can a student go to be listened to?

A large part of most educational institutions, student government associations function as a way for students to communicate desires and concerns to their respective administrations, as well as plan functions for the student body. Lebanon Valley's Student Government Association, also known as the SGA, is no different—yet many students do not realize the amount



Katie Zwiebel '12 / LA VIE (Image taken last semester)

STUDENT REPRESENTATION Charlie Fisher '09, president of SGA Executive Committee, and Crystal Zakszeski '09, secretary run a typical student government meeting, held Monday nights at 9:40 p.m. in Faust Lounge

to which they can be involved.

LVC's SGA is officially designated to "function as the central bureau for representation of all student concerns," according to the Student Government Constitution. "Student Government shall coordinate and

sponsor activities for the entire campus community with the Student Programming Board and all other Government recognized organizations as well as manage the budgets of those recognized organizations."

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Dean search comes to an end

EMILY GERTENBACH '11
A&E EDITOR

It was announced this week that Dr. Michael Green of Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. is to be the new Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Lebanon Valley College.

He will be assuming the position from Dr. Brian Hearsey, professor of mathematics and acting dean and VPAA. Upon Green's arrival, Hearsey will return to his position in the mathematical sciences department.

Green's hiring brings an end to a search that began nearly a year ago upon the announcement that former dean and VPAA Ron Toll would be leaving LVC.

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Considerable damage done in bus accident

LINDSAY BRACALE '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

During a skiing trip over the weekend to the Blue Mountain Ski Resort in the Poconos, LVC students and staff were involved in a bus accident with no student injuries reported. The accident occurred on Saturday, Feb. 7, around 12 p.m.

Brooke Donovan, Associate Director of Student Activities and Engagement, organized the trip and was on the bus during the accident.

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Send-off ceremony held at LVC

SARAH GRODZINSKI '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, Feb. 5, Lebanon Valley College hosted a good-bye ceremony to 500 members of the Pennsylvania National Guard in the Arnold Sports Center.

The soldiers, part of the 628th Aviation Support Battalion, were recognized among 2000 friends and family, as well as college students and faculty members. The 628th Battalion totals nearly 650 soldiers who will have three



Katie Zwiebel '12 / LA VIE

EMBRACE Over 2,000 family and friends gathered together February 5, to say good-bye to their loved ones, as they prepared for their deployment

months of further training at Fort Sill in Oklahoma before leaving for Kuwait in April and eventually arriving in Iraq.

The brigade is part of the largest aviation deployment of the National Guard in Pennsylvania history.

Sergeant Jason Dufour has been in the National Guard for 10 years.

"I love my country and I love doing good things like this for my country when support is

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NEWS

Battling to open for Eve 6

ALYSSA BENDER '11

FEATURES EDITOR

After all the votes were tallied, it was announced that The Dirt Party and The Technocrats will join national recording act Eve 6 on the mainstage of this year's ValleyFest.

Ten bands rocked out for the coveted spot at the Battle of the Bands this past Friday night. The bands were judged on originality and interaction with the audience, among other things.

"We're looking for dance moves, hairdos, gold chains, and tight pants," joked judge Professor Jeff Snyder, Director of the Music Business Program at LVC. "Seriously, we're looking for how tight they are, how they work the audience, the harmonies, the energy."

Kristy Adams, the second judge, is Director of Web Communications at LVC and has previously worked in the music industry. The third seat

was filled by Joe Trojcek, a composer and engineer, as well as the owner of Progressive Studios in Elizabethtown.

This year's Battle of the Bands was a highly anticipated event.

"This year by far is the biggest battle we've had since I've been here," said Matthew Howell-Clarke '10, Vice President of the ValleyFest Committee and Evening Entertainment Chair. "Only three of these bands played in the battle last year. And these aren't only freshman bands—there are seniors, too."

In fact, not all the bands that signed up had the chance to play. According to Howell-



Tony Gorick '11 / LA VIE

BATTLE OF THE BANDS Winners Ryan Cagno and his band The Technocrats will join The Dirt Party to open for Eve 6 at this year's ValleyFest. ValleyFest will be held April 17 and 18th.

Clarke, thirteen bands had originally signed up, but due to time restraints, the committee cut the bands down to ten. The bands that were cut are promised day stage slots if they want them.

The event was highly successful with over 250 in attendance in Lutz Hall. Students voted for their favorite bands with spare change—and spare ten and twenty dollar bills, as was the case with a few buckets. The judge's input was then considered to determine who would play with the national headliner at ValleyFest.

Mr. LVC 2008, Joe Sheehy '09, was the emcee for the night, and LVC's Audio Engineering Society provided the sound. Each band was allotted twelve minutes to play and played an average of three songs each.

Both winning bands are made up of almost all LVC students or alumni.

The Dirt Party consists of Tim

Wolfe '07 on bass, Greg Harris '09 on guitar, AJ Myers '10 on trumpet, Carl Bahner '07 on drums, and John Rooney on sax. The group played funky jazz-fusion and was unique in showcasing a different instrument in each of the songs they played.

The Technocrats are a fairly new band, only playing together since September of 2008. With Anthony Spinnato '11 on drums, Ryan Cagno '11 on guitar and vocals, Asher Condit '11 on piano and vocals, and Aaron Glasbrenner '11 on bass, this was the group's first show together.

"We're feeling pretty good," said Cagno before the show. "You never know what the judges are going to do. We're just going to have fun."

You can see both bands play, as well as Eve 6, at Valleyfest 2009.

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ACCIDENT: no injuries reported

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Apparently, the accident was caused by a reckless driver which escalated into a string of events.

"A car cut across two lanes and cut in front of the first bus," Donovan reports. "The first bus driver was unable to stop the bus as this was very sudden, and he hit the car. He suddenly stopped, which caused the second bus to have to stop in a very short amount of time. The second bus could not stop and he hit the [first] bus."

Another car was involved in the accident as well.

"Due to both buses stopping suddenly, a fourth vehicle that was traveling behind the second bus lightly hit the back of the second bus," she continues. "The ramp was graveled from the snow and it was hard to stop on."

State Police were on the scene immediately, and no one was seriously injured.

"No one from the buses or either cars were taken by ambulance," says Donovan. "[However], superficially, several students [and I], hit the seat in front of them or were jarred due to the impact."

Alyssa Kreider '10 was on the first bus and saw the accident unfold.

"We were on the highway, get-

ting off on an exit on a ramp, and I knew that the second bus was behind us," she says. "All of a sudden, I felt the air brakes and I stood up to see what was going on. I saw a car cut in front of us very quickly."

She continues.

"We felt the airbrakes, and I felt the first impact. The second one was the second bus hitting us." Kreider also hit the seat in front of her and "hit my nose," she says.

The trip continued, however.

According to Donovan, "the bus company had replacement buses on the scene... as soon as they could to shuttle students to the ski trip."

There was considerable damage done to both buses in the accident.

"The first bus had damage to the front left side and the rear, and the second bus had its entire front windshield shattered, front bumper damage and door damage," Donovan says.

Vice President for Student Affairs Greg Krikorian gave a statement on the accident.

"We are extremely happy and thankful that no student injuries were reported and the trip eventually continued," he said.

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SGA: input "essential to the functioning of student government"

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If the structure of campus organizations is shaped like a wheel, the student government association is the hub at the center—the point from which all other campus-funded organizations stem from. All new organizations on campus desiring student government funding for their group must apply with the SGA and generally go through a probationary period in which the organization can gauge the response to their group within the student body.

The SGA constitution states "it shall be the duty of Student Government to serve as librarian for the constitutions of the various campus organizations... [and] to apportion the student activities funds placed under its control by the Administration."

"For student organizations specifically, I would like to stress that they make sure their proposals for budgets and other matters are done with specifics as well," said Zach Strohm '09, senior class president and student government club liaison.

Though the school's website states that student government includes "24 full time and two commuting students selected from the student body each spring for a one-year term beginning in September," not all students realize that they can be involved in student government.

"We'd love to have more stu-

dents," said Jen Evans, Director of Student Activities, "so they can see the process and maybe get more students involved in running. It seems like once that freshman class is elected, sometimes people think, 'Well, my class reps are elected.'"

Evans explained that students still may run for a position on Student Government after their freshman year. The SGA constitution states that "all elections shall be held in early April for returning students and in September for incoming students. All full-time Lebanon Valley College students who are not on disciplinary or academic probation at the start of the term are eligible for election." Prior to the election, all nominees are required to write an essay that is to be publicly displayed.

Students who wish to be involved but do not have a desire to run for office may still attend weekly meetings. All students are welcome to attend the meetings, held at 9:40 p.m. on Mondays in Faust Lounge, though there may be points at which the meetings are closed to the public.

"There are times when the president can close a meeting. And that might be when there are some issues that we feel have confidentiality issues," Evans said.

However, both Evans and Strohm have noticed an improvement in student interest.

"The level of student involvement at meetings is very impressive this year as compared to years past. There are about two to three students who come consistently every week, whereas in previous years, no one other than student government members attended," Strohm said.

Strohm feels that student input is "essential to the functioning of student government" and that being involved in student government has been a beneficial experience for him.

"I have learned to better harness my leadership abilities and have become more skilled at organization," Strohm said. "Student government has also taught me the proper avenues to go through if I need something on campus and has made me more familiar with the school's administration."

For students unsure where to start, Strohm recommends talking to a class representative.

"I would like to see more student involvement," he said. "However, not at the risk of slowing down meetings to the point of getting nothing accomplished. I feel that students need to be better informed, which would be a benefit of them coming to the meetings; however, I feel they should give their student concerns to their respective representatives."

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NEWS

CEREMONY: Troops prepare for deployment

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needed," says Dufour, a Clearfield resident who is leaving behind his pregnant wife Nicole.

His mother, Marilyn Barrett is concerned.

"I just wished there will soon be peace in this world, so that sons won't have to go off to war," Barrett says of her 20 year-old son who's majoring in mechanical engineering at Penn State. She is glad that the ceremony occurred because the boys should be saluted and commended for serving their country.

Adam Snow, 21, didn't know why he was in the National Guard but admits he just wanted to "fix up his life."

Others, however, were more certain. Beth Stippich, 19, says she wanted to be in the military since she was little. She will be supporting the air medics and helping with sick calls when overseas.

For the families, there were keepsake pillows to give to a loved one until they returned. From little kids running up to the lines of soldiers to hug their dads goodbye to tearful mothers and wives, the sol-



Katie Zwiebel '12 / LA VIE

SUPPORT President Stephen C. MacDonald wishes PA National Guard members well at last Thursday's ceremony for the troops as they prepare to be deployed

diers were all wished a warm farewell and good luck as they prepared to leave for duty.

"The National Guard is the best of both worlds: the civilian world and the army world," says soldier Susan Zbegner.

The soldiers will remain in Iraq for 397 days.

Lebanon Valley College sophomore Grant Becker was there with the basketball team watching the ceremony.

"I think I would have been here even if coach wouldn't have told us to come," states Becker. "It's important to support our troops and wish them the best of luck and a safe return."

Jessica Wickenheiser '11 agrees. "I think it's awesome LVC is hosting this and supporting our troops. It shows the college's interaction with the community."

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DEAN: Dr. Michael Green announced as new dean

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After a temporary suspension of the search in the spring, the applicants were narrowed down to three finalists, each of whom met with a panel of students in January.

Green, currently serving as associate dean and associate vice presi-

dent at Augustana, will assume his position on July 1, 2009.

According to LVC's website, Green previously served as chair of Augustana's music department, during which time he "led a redesign of the curriculum and oversaw a major renovation of the music fa-

cilities."

In the announcement, Green says he is "excited to begin my work at an institution with such a rich history as well as excellent opportunities for the future."

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NEWS

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Kristin Miller's year was incorrectly identified as '09, instead of '10, and the word "concerns" was misspelled in the subheadline of the story "SGA back in session"

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: *Corrections*.

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CAMPUS CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

The Public Safety Office has no reportable incidents on campus this week.

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

SGA Update

Bailout request approved for Yearbook

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LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The SGA has approved yearbook Editor-in-Chief Ryan Zvorzky's request for a \$2,080 "economic stimulus." The bailout was needed to keep the yearbook financially afloat.

In other action at its Monday meeting, the SGA:

Approved giving intramurality club status because it passed last semester's probation.

Mentioned that Dr. Michael Greene, a senior administrator from Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., has been chosen as Lebanon Valley College's new Vice President of Academic Affairs. He assumes the position July 1st.

Gave the green light so the Superfan program will now include all fall, winter, and spring sports. T-shirts will be available for each season. Spring-

time requirements are needed to receive a t-shirt this semester. More Superfan promotions are on their way.

Upcoming events: Founders' Day next Tuesday and Relay for Life on March 27.

Student concerns: Several complained that drivers were going the wrong way on Summit St. behind Mund; swipe cards not working at Funk West; and facilities workers using all the computers in the new student center.

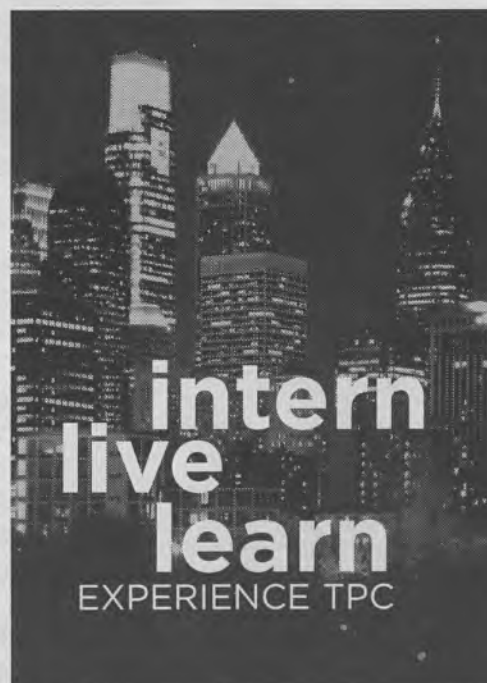
Finally, changes to the cafeteria have been taken into consideration such as egg-white omelets, removing the salsa from beside the cheese, and new "green-ware" added for drinks.

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Features

Deatrick kicks off coffeehouse series

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LVC students and the public filled MJ's Coffeehouse on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 9:30 p.m. as Eric Deatrick '10 performed an acoustic set.

The show was the first of four that are scheduled for this spring's Coffeehouse Series. Deatrick, a physical therapy major, has been playing guitar since he was a sophomore in high school.

"I played drums since I was in 4th grade," he says. "I got bored and picked up guitar."

Deatrick shared the spotlight as a few of his friends joined in for the performance, which included covers and an untitled, original song by Deatrick and Matt Howell-Clarke '10.

"We wrote it fall this year. I had

already written the chords [and] Matty came up with the melody," says Deatrick, adding. "It's about helping a friend find their own way [and] discouraging people from following other people."

Howell-Clarke also lent his vocals for a few covers, including "With a Little Help from My Friends" and "Homeward Bound."

Others who performed with De-



Katie Zwiebel '12 / La Vie
DEATRICK DELIVERS Inspired by artists such as Paul Simon, Deatrick performs at MJ's for LVC's Coffeehouse Series

atrick during the set were Chase VanDuzer '09, Rob Bell '08, and Jennifer Bocian '09.

Deatrick is a fan of Paul Simon and performed covers of "Mrs. Robinson," "The Boxer," "Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard," and "The Only Living Boy in New York."

"I definitely like to shred," the junior admits. "I like acoustic finger-picking. I try to stay versatile."

Besides the drums, Deatrick also plays the electric guitar with LVC's resident '80s cover band, The Pinheads, and has played drums with different bands during summers.

Deatrick also played covers of songs by Tom Petty, James Taylor, Jim Croce, Eric Clapton, Cat Stevens, and Pink Floyd. By the end of the show, the crowd shouted, "Encore!" to which Deatrick responded, "You're in luck," and played Pink Floyd's "Comfortably Numb."

The Coffeehouse Series will continue with the Irish-American folk/rock group Cean on March 11, Mark DeRose on April 1, and Scott McKenna on May 6. All shows are at 9:30 p.m. and free to the public.

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PIRATES SET TO SAIL

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Swashbuckling pirates. Romantic twists. Roaring comedy?

LVC's 2009 musical production presented by the Wig and Buckle Theater Company takes on the challenge of blending all three in Gilbert and Sullivan's comedic operetta *Pirates of Penzance*.

Beginning Friday, Feb. 13, this production of singing pirates and random hilarity will start its two-week performance schedule.

"We have been considering Gilbert and Sullivan for a long time," said Dr. Kevin Pry, faculty advisor of Wig and Buckle and associate English professor. "You're going to see wonderful silliness."

Dr. Pry also mentioned that LVC has long taken on a "string of dark, quirky musicals" in the past. He said that this year they decided to change direction and perform a "light, family-friendly one."

Ben Long '10 took on the daunt-



Tony Gorick '11 / La Vie
DAMSELS IN DISTRESS The ladies of *Pirates of Penzance* show their dramatic side in a scene from the show. *Pirates* opens this Friday to a sold out crowd

ing task of directing the production.

"I love doing musicals here so much," said Long. "You don't get the opportunity [to direct] very often." He also emphasized the need for a hard-working cast and said that everyone involved had been great. "Every single person put their heart into

it and it really shows."

Everyone noted that this production has many comedic moments.

"It is absolutely hilarious," said Hannah Grube '12 who plays the love interest Mable. "The whole bloody thing is just so much fun."

However, the production wasn't without its challenges.

"All the numbers are vocally challenging," said Erin Brubaker '11, choreographer of the show. Karen Oulahan '11, stage manager, agreed.

"Everyone's been working very hard," she said.

Ryan Cagno '11 took on the role of Frederick, the musical's young hero.

"There are literally buckets of swashbuckling," he stated. "I also like the songs when the girls swoon when I sing," he said, laughing. He added further incentive for the ladies to come out to the show. "I will have a sword and visible chest hair."

The website stuorgs.lvc.edu/wigbuckle provides quick access to reservations. One simply needs to follow the link, click on the tickets tab, and reserve the quantity desired. The box office is 717-867-6162 for questions as well.

All the performances have sold out except the Saturday, Feb. 14 showing at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are free for LVC students, \$12 for adults, \$7 for non-LVC students and LVC faculty, \$5 for seniors (60+) and children (10 and under).

"I am excited for the moment to watch it for the first time [when] it all comes together," said Long. "I know I'll be proud."

Interested in a fun-filled swashbuckling ride full comedy and music?

The Pirates of Penzance is about to sail in, and tickets are almost gone.

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The Real Deal

"Ich auch," means "me too" in German and is one of about five German phrases I know. If people are speaking German near you and you say it, not only does it imply that you know what they're talking about, but it's hilarious when you discover what you're agreeing to. I learned several German catchphrases during my semester abroad this fall, but what's funny is, I didn't study in Germany, I went to Cambridge, England.

My memories from this semester are always on my mind, and to put them on paper is a greater challenge than I anticipated. Despite the difficulty, the words I conjure must express one thing very clearly: this semester would have been nothing without the friends I made. The single-most valuable thing I gained from my time in Cambridge was the friendship of a crazy mix of international students.

Throughout my childhood my dad joked that when you become a teenager you suddenly "know everything" and it's not until you get to college that you realize how little you really know, and that's definitely what this semester was for me.

Not only has my knowledge of Europe expanded tenfold, but of myself. I'm comfortable being alone. I can walk up to someone and start a conversation without feeling embarrassed. I can travel alone by train, bus, and plane with confidence. I can deal with difficult people without losing my head or hurting their feelings. I can make friends with people of different languages and backgrounds, and love them as much after three months as those I've known all my life. So when my Cambridge friends say they miss being together, the best way I know to answer is "Ich auch."

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Arts & Entertainment

As the world goes green, the film industry goes Blu

KEVIN WISNIEWSKI '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Now that the format war between HD DVDs and Blu-ray DVDs has ceased, Blu-ray is the new victor paving the way as the future for home entertainment.

After paradoxically receiving strong endorsements from both Disney and the porn industry, the success of Blu-ray DVDs was inevitable.

Blu-ray runs on digital signal and provides the ultimate at-home, high-definition experience, with an improved sound and picture quality that puts standard DVDs to shame.

Most individuals are reluctant to make the switch to Blu-ray for two reasons: one, it is quite expensive to go Blu. A Blu-ray player costs around \$400 and a Blu-ray disc is about \$30, as opposed to \$100 for a DVD player and \$15 for a standard DVD.

The second problem is that consumers question whether or not Blu-ray has any significant



Above left, a Sony advertisement displays Blu-ray discs and players. To the right, a Sony employee displays discs at a technology show in 2005.

improvements over DVD technology.

First, the price of upgrading to Blu-ray can be light on the wallet if consumers are briefed on where to look for the best deals. Best Buy stores are continually running sales on Blu-ray players and offer weekly deals on Blu-ray DVDs, including two for \$35. Amazon.com

offers Blu-ray players starting at \$200 and Blu-ray DVDs begin at \$13.

Blu-ray is without a doubt an unparalleled improvement on standard DVDs. Blu-ray DVDs boost a picture quality six times that of standard DVDs and offer a more immersive and realistic 3-D experience. Blu-ray DVDs

run at 48 Megabits per second as opposed to a measly eight megabits per second for standard DVDs.

Blu-ray also provides 7.1 channels of high definition streaming audio. Not only visually arresting, Blu-ray's sound is top of the line and supports 32 streams of audio. Investing in some Bose speakers

would provide for dazzling surround sound.

Blu-ray DVDs are able to hold 50 GB of information, which is five times that of standard DVDs. An additional scratch resistant layer on both sides of a Blu-ray DVD promotes longevity and an aesthetic appeal.

Most Blu-ray DVDs also come equipped with high definition features and interactive menus accessible during the duration of the film, avoiding the annoyance of pausing and rewinding.

For individuals wondering what Blu-ray means for their existing DVD library, worry not! All Blu-ray players will play standard DVD's with no problem while improving the picture and sound quality.

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Born to run, the Boss is working on a new dream

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Whether he knew it or not, Bruce Springsteen ushered in a new era of his career with the release of 2002's *The Rising*, an era that has continued through 2007's *Magic*, and an era that has waited in anticipation for this year's *Working on a Dream*.

If *Working* serves as any milestone in Springsteen's three decade career, it acts as a stamp on a second era, indicating the end of a musical peak initiated with *The Rising*.

The album's opener, "Outlaw Pete," is an eight-minute epic complete with soaring synth-strings and heavy vocal reverb. This ambitious leading track is a contender for the best on the album, dripping with the gruff passion and spot-on songwriting that fans have come to expect from Springsteen. The echoing chorus of "Can you hear me?" is haunting

and powerful, the cornerstone of a song that would not have been out of place on *We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions* or even *The Rising*.

Unfortunately, the rest of *Working on a Dream* fails to hit the mark set by "Outlaw Pete." The album's title track is slightly bouncier and more melodic, reminding the listener of some of the more likeable songs on *Magic*. "Working on a Dream," however, is soaked in lyrical cliché, and over half of the lyrics consist of the line "I'm working on a dream."

The lyrical quality continues to slide downhill in the album's dead-weight track "Queen of the Supermarket." This song joins a long list of love songs written to nameless grocery store girls, only to fall short of all others that come to mind. The music's synth-soaked 80s-feel channels Meatloaf style frills with Patti Scialfa sealing the compari-



son, crooning the son's title behind Springsteen.

The next track, "What Love Can Do," is an acoustic guitar-driven pop tune suitable for Top 40 radio. The song almost acts as a fulcrum, tipping the album into mediocrity by the end of its last organ-tinged chorus.

The half of the album that follows is largely forgettable, punctuated by a few gems along the way. "Tomorrow Never Knows" sounds like a *We Shall Overcome*

outtake, with Springsteen's vocals sounding the most honest since "Outlaw Pete." "Surprise Surprise" tries hard to be more lackluster than "Queen of the Supermarket"...and falls short by inches. Its lyrics act as reminders of why listeners skip half of the tracks on *Magic*.

"The Last Carnival" is the last proper album track and is a fitting closer. The singer growls end-of-the-day-is-coming lyrics over a sparse arrangement, using a powerful tune to seal the deal on a somewhat lacking collection of songs.

The real gem lies in The Boss's contribution to the movie *The*

Wrestler. A somber acoustic tune tacked onto the end as a bonus track is reminiscent of *Devils and Dust*, an album that served as a direction changing record for Springsteen.

Bruce Springsteen has built an undeniable legacy, and while *Working on a Dream* is certainly no *Born To Run*, it serves as the fourth in a series of albums that documents the second coming of his career.

If "The Wrestler" is any indication, another *Devils and Dust* is just around the corner.

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Single for Valentine's Day? You're not alone

Keep a positive attitude, appreciate friends and family, and buy a pogo stick

JAKE KING '11
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Valentine's Day, a day set aside specifically for you to show your love for your significant other. A day reserved for that romantic candle-lit dinner you've been putting off for too long. A day to just forget about the world and immerse yourself in the sweet presence of your loved one.

Or, should you happen to be without a significant other, you may perhaps find it a day to lock yourself indoors and listen to a continual loop of 90's music. A day in which the onslaught of mushy Lifetime movies is so overbearing it could suffocate a Teletubby. A day to curl up in the fetal position and engage in a self-consumed debate of where, exactly, you went wrong in life.

Indeed, for the singles of the world, Valentine's Day can seem nothing more than a festering heap of disenchantment and broken dreams.

However, while it may seem a daunting task at first, in the big scheme of things, February 14 only comes once a year, and with the right attitude, you may be shocked

to learn that surviving V-day alone isn't really hard at all. In fact, it just might be the way to go.

Believe it or not, there are actually perks to being single on Valentine's Day, chief among them the fact that there is no way you can possibly screw up.

The commercials on TV in the weeks building up to Valentine's Day inundate us—particularly and unfairly, I think, males—with an almost deathly fear of screwing up the most romantic day of the year with a clichéd gift or poor taste. And so like flies to meat, we storm retailers such as Macy's, Royer's Flowers, and Bath and Body Works, uncomfortably aware that we could not be farther from our element and masculinity.

Whether you're a guy or a girl, though, if you happen to be single come the 14th of February, you don't have to spend a dime unless you want to, which with today's grim economic outlook is something we can all appreciate.

Or if you so choose, put that penny saved to good use and indulge a little bit. Buy something for yourself. Make it materialistic. Make it

frivolous. Hell, make it a pogo stick, should the whim strike you.

If you are really feeling down, though, a nice little trick is to send yourself flowers anonymously and act surprised when they arrive. Not only do you achieve a few seconds of artificial bliss, but you also support the floral arrangement industry which, like many sectors of the economy, is under considerable stress at the moment.

Even so, though you might try to maintain a positive attitude on a day that explicitly celebrates love, it can still be a challenging task. However, if you find yourself feeling down, don't make it worse. Nobody likes a Negative Nancy (or Negative Ned), so rather than letting yourself be downtrodden by the cruel hand of Fate, go out and do something that will cheer you up.

I return for a moment to the aforementioned pogo stick argument: take a trip back to your childhood days when the opposite gender still had cooties and frying plastic figurines with a magnifying glass was the high point of your afternoon. In addition, exercise is a proven stress-buster, so

should you feel so inclined, load up your iPod with your favorite songs and hit the treadmill for a while.

The best advice I've heard on the subject of Valentine's Day, though, was told to me by someone several years ago. She said that on Valentine's Day, whether you're single or with someone special, show the ones you care about that they matter to you, whether they're your significant other or not.

I was turned down when I followed this theory and asked her out later on—so there are clearly holes to this logic—but the principle itself is sound and worthy, I think, of inclusion in the list of feel-good, self-satisfying quips we use to make ourselves feel better when life throws us lemons.

So to conclude, I suppose the moral of this story, then, is that if you're single this Valentine's Day, realize that it's not the end of the world and that in fact there are lots of people out there just like you.

And if you need cheering up, buy yourself a pogo stick.

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CHEERS!



and

Jeers...



CHEERS to Facebook originator, Mark Zuckerberg, who saw his creation reach the five-year plateau on Feb. 4. According to cnn.com, Facebook has about 150 million users worldwide. Zuckerberg revolutionized online communication in such a way that it allows subscribers to access profiles of friends safely and free of charge. Estimated at \$15 billion, the Harvard graduate made Time's 2008 list of most influential people in the world. College students everywhere have taken his project and transformed it into what is arguably one of the largest online social networks to ever sweep the Internet.

Jeers to the Pittsburgh radio station KDKA and host Marty Griffin for staging a fake talk show contest. According to pennlive.com, the host misled callers by promoting a \$1 million contest on Thanksgiving 2007 with no intention of following through with the reward. The CBS radio affiliate will be fined \$6,000 and has 30 days to either appeal the decision or pay the fine imposed by the Federal Communications Commission. Apparently, the joke is on KDKA.



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SPORTS

VALLEY TALLY

ICE HOCKEY

The ice hockey team continues to look for its first win after falling in two straight games to Manhattanville College on the weekend. The defense improved on the weekend, but the offense only recorded one goal in two games.

TRACK & FIELD

Both the men and the women impressed at the East Stroudsburg University Invitational this past weekend with multiple top-15 finishes among a field of competition that included Division I and Division II schools. No team scores were kept, but Jenn Cronin '11 recorded another record-breaking day in the 3,000 meter, while Jerome Duncan '12 and Brian Phanthavong '09 performed impressively in the men's 55-meter hurdles. Many other LVC students performed well, including Josh Light '10 who was the top Division III runner in the 55-meter dash.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

JEROME DUNCAN TRACK & FIELD

Duncan followed up an impressive week at the LVC Invitational with an impressive showing at the ESU Invitational, finishing 3rd in 55-meter hurdles and 14th in the 55-meter dash.



LORI LIDLOW BASKETBALL

The sophomore guard earned conference Player of the Week honors after putting up 19.5 ppg, while averaging 4.5 rebounds and 3 assists in two games. Lidlow's week was highlighted by a game high 21 points against Messiah.



A-Fraud controversy rages on

We have heard it before. Mark McGwire. Sammy Sosa. Barry Bonds. Rafael Palmeiro. Roger Clemens. And now, Alex Rodriguez. The complete scope of the steroid-era, as it is now called, is hard to determine, but with Rodriguez admitting on Monday that he used steroids between 2001 and 2003 while as a member of the Texas Rangers, it has become apparent that steroids injected itself deep within the culture of baseball. In response to Sports Illustrated's report of Rodriguez's failed drug tests and A-Rod's own admittance, what do LVC baseball players have to say about the issue?

"A-Rod has never tested positive in a real drug test. That test was suppose to be an anonymous test with no consequences. I believe many more athletes in all sports are using performance enhancing substances than people realize, and with millions of dollars on the line...I don't blame anyone for trying to get an edge. Steroids don't help anybody hit a baseball, maybe the balls would not have cleared the fence by fifty feet, but just about all of them would have been home runs."

Shane Specht '11, infield/ right-handed pitcher

"As much as I hate A-Rod, I'm glad that he came clean and admitted to using performance enhancing drugs. I am just sick of the media beating this to death."

Bert Malloy '09, outfield

"I think that A-Rod was put under tremendous pressure when he got his \$252 million dollar contract, I can easily see why he would have to result to use steroids... This story just proves that any one can crumble under pressure situations."

Nate Blough '11, infield/ right-handed pitcher

B-BALL: Men fall in back-to-back contests

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Neither team led by as many as six for nearly 10 minutes of the second half, but the Valley found themselves down nine again (43-34) at the 10:25 mark.

The scrappy home team battled back, tying the game 90 seconds later on a 9-0 run to tie the game at 43-43.

Hoover knocked down two of his five shots on the run, one a jumper in the paint, and the other one a deep three-ball after Kerns dished him the rock off the Becker steal, forcing Albright to take a time out.

In the final 7:03 of the contest, the teams went back and forth, forcing three ties while neither team went up by more than five points.

Enoch forced the first two ties with lay-ups and Hoover tied the game up with 40 seconds left.

The game came down to the final Lions shot, where Zac Shaeffer knocked home the lay-up with four

seconds to go to secure the win.

After the Wednesday night loss, the squad traveled to Messiah College, looking for a road win, coming home with a 75-65 loss.

Enoch led all scorers with 22 points on 9-of-16 shooting, going 4-for-8 from beyond the arc.

Meehan posted another double-digit scoring output, going for 17 points on 6-of-10 shooting and converting on 4-of-5 from the line.

Five ties highlighted the first half of play, as Messiah took a 31-30 lead into the locker rooms.

LVC led by as many as four on two occasions in the final two minutes of the half, after Kerns knocked down a pair from the stripe and Enoch sank a jumper from inside the arc.

The second half was another seesaw battle between the Dutchmen and the Falcons, but the Valley never took more than a one-point lead, with their final one coming after an

Enoch trey at the 13:24 mark.

Lebanon Valley only trailed by five with 37 seconds to go after a Meehan jumper, but Messiah extended that lead to 10 and never looked back.

Enoch talked about this huge setback and what the team needs to do in order to make a playoff push during a postgame interview.

"Last week was an important week and we definitely did not do what we needed to," said Enoch. "At this point, we need a lot of things to happen. It's definitely not the position we want to be in but we have to refocus and win our remaining games."

Lebanon Valley (10-11, 3-6 CC) hosts Arcadia University tonight at 8 p.m. and Elizabethtown College on Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. on Hot Dog Frank Day and the White Out Game. The team sits at a game and a half behind fourth-place Lycoming College.

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Scoreboard

Men's Basketball:

2/4	vs. Albright	L, 57-59
2/7	at Messiah	L, 65-75

Women's Basketball:

2/4	vs. Albright	W, 58-57
2/4	at Messiah	L, 59-71

Ice Hockey:

2/6	vs. Manhattanville	L, 1-6
2/7	vs. Manhattanville	L, 0-5

Men's Indoor Track & Field:

No team scoring kept at ESU
Invitational on Saturday 2/7

Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball:

2/11	vs. Arcadia	8 p.m.
2/14	vs. Elizabethtown	4 p.m.
2/17	at Widener	8 p.m.

Women's Basketball:

2/11	vs. Arcadia	6 p.m.
2/14	vs. Elizabethtown	2 p.m.
2/17	at Widener	6 p.m.

Ice Hockey:

2/13	at Elmira	7 p.m.
2/14	at Elmira	7 p.m.

Indoor Track & Field:

2/14	Dickinson Invite	TBA
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Swimming:

2/13-15	Dickinson Invite	TBA
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By The Numbers

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The team-leading number of total points on the season recorded by Nicholas Schultz '12, forward for the ice hockey squad

10:37.45

School record time in the women's 3,000 meter run recorded by Jenn Cronin '11 at the ESU Invitational on Saturday

115

Team-leading number of rebounds by Megan Bish '09 for the women's basketball team



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Women's Basketball
in the...pink
See Below



SPORTS

PinkZone game tonight

Women's basketball take on Arcadia, breast cancer

BRITTANY TOBIAS '11
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Taking down the Arcadia Knights won't be the only mission on the court for the Lebanon Valley College Women's Basketball team tonight. They'll be raising awareness and money for the battle against breast cancer during its second annual "Pink Game."

This year's PinkZone game will include activities both before and after the game. An LVC pep band will be playing at the game to add to the excitement, and everyone who attends will be eligible to win prizes. Gift certificates for the college bookstore, restaurants, and iPods are just some of the items up for grabs this year. There is also a chance to win a 2009 Chevy Cobalt for a lucky fan if he or she can make a half-court shot during half-time.

The Dutchmen mascot will be on hand to cheer on the team and hand out prizes. Subway Man, the mascot for the popular sandwich chain Subway, will also be distributing coupons for a free sub every time an LVC player hits a three-



Courtesy Sports Information

THINKING PINK The home crowd from last year's PinkZone game on Feb. 5, 2008 against Lycoming. The gym was filled with over 1,300 fans for last year's thrilling 76-75 overtime victory. This year's organizers are hoping for even better results as they strive to raise money for breast cancer research

point shot.

In its effort to make this year's event even more special, the team will be wearing pink uniforms, which are currently up for silent auction. "The team will be dressed in pink uniforms to honor those who have battled cancer and those

who continue to fight," said Todd Goclowski, head coach of the women's basketball team.

The Colleges Against Cancer group will have pink shirts and other apparel available at a booth during the game. CAC is an on-campus group that promotes edu-

cation and awareness around the campus and also helps plan the Relay for Life event.

The game will also feature a booth for the American Cancer Society of Lebanon. There will be information on detection, prevention, and the treatment of breast cancer.

"Our goal is to raise funds and awareness about breast cancer and to make sure our community comes together to celebrate with us in the fight," Goclowski said. After filling the gym with over 1,300 fans last year and raising over \$3,400, the team has set a goal to fill all 1,600 seats in the LVC Gymnasium and beat last year's amount. The event is still free for LVC students.

The game starts at 6 p.m. with pre-game festivities beginning at 5:30. Be sure to wear pink to show your support for fighters and survivors of breast cancer as well as our Women's Basketball team as it fights to raise money for a worthy cause.

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Men struggle to stay in play-off picture

RYAN ZVORSKY '09
CIRCULATION MANAGER

Basketball is a game of stretches and the Dutchmen are on a losing one, dropping back-to-back Commonwealth Conference games last week to bitter rivals.

In game one, Lebanon Valley hosted Albright College at the LVC Gymnasium, falling in a thriller in the final seconds, 59-57.

Guard Grant Becker '11 led the Valley on the night with 15 points on 6-of-11 shooting from the floor and 3-of-3 from the line in his 31 minutes of action.

Three other Dutchmen carded double-digit scoring outputs in two-guard Kyle Enoch '09, shooting guard Zach Hoover '11, and point guard Joe Meehan '12, all posting 12 points apiece.

Outside of that, the Valley only shot 36.5 percent (23-of-63) from the floor.

In the first half, 4:30 ran off the clock before LVC converted on its first field-goal attempt, as Becker hit Enoch in stride for the lay-in. The score stood at 7-3 Lions.

Becker scored the next four points for the Dutchmen on two free throws from the stripe and a deuce at the 12:55 mark.

Lebanon Valley still trailed by five (12-7), but Albright ran out to a nine point lead at 20-11 after Matt Ashcroft put home the trey from the outside at 8:41.

The Lions went up by nine again (24-15) with 5:12 left in the opening half, but LVC rode on an 11-2 spurt to close the half dead-locked at 26-26.

On the run, Meehan was able to knock down four points while Enoch buried one from downtown after forward Dan Dunkelberger '10 stole the ball, fed it to guard Dustin Kerns '09, who found his classmate on the wing.

Becker ended the half tipping in a missed Meehan jumper.

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Women's basketball holding on to play-off berth

SHERAE JONES '11
LA VIE SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team has had their ups-and-downs this season. It has been a change from last seasons 14-0 start, to this seasons 13-7, 6-3 record. Despite the change they are still in line for a play-off berth.

The Dutchmen are ranked second in the Commonwealth Conference, behind nationally ranked #8 Messiah.

Wednesday night, the woman took on the Lions of Albright College, in a conference match up. With the help of Lori Lidlow's '11 lay up with 1:19 to go, the Dutchmen defeated the Lions, 58-57.

Great performances were given by Lori Lidlow '11 (18 points), Andrea Hoover '11 (13 points)



Courtesy Sports Information

FANTASTIC FRESHMAN Caitlin Murphy '12 during Saturday's loss to Messiah. Murphy started the game and played 31 minutes scoring 9 points in the game

and Megan Bish '09 (9 points, 3-3 from the 3-point range).

The win was the Dutchmen's third win in six games. However, the Dutchmen could not record win number four as they fell to Messiah, 71-59, on Saturday.

The Falcons shot an impressive 50 percent from the floor, while the Dutchman only shot 34 percent. Messiah was led by Sal Shani's impressive double-double, 16 points and 19 rebounds. Shani played a major role in the Falcons spectacular rebounding. Messiah led in offensive rebounds,

15-10, and overall 44-32.

Despite their poor shooting, the Dutchman still fought back during the game.

Unfortunately, the Dutchman did not start the second half off well. Instead, the Falcons jumped out strong. Midway, through the half, the Falcons gained their biggest lead of the game and led by 25 points with 7:56 to go.

However, the Dutchmen continued to play hard and only fell to the Falcons by 12 points, 71-59.

While Messiah improved to 9-0 in the conference, LVC fell to 6-3.

With just four games left in the regular season, the women are looking to end on a positive note.

The squad plays their last two home games this week.

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The secrets of the LVC Lost
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Meeting student needs

Faculty discuss whether office hours are sufficient for aiding students

EMILY GERTENBACH '11

A&E EDITOR

RYAN ZVORSKY '09

CIRCULATION MANAGER

Life and learning on a small campus has many benefits, one of which is increased accessibility to professors.

At Lebanon Valley College, professors set their own office hours, as professors do at nearby colleges of comparable size.

According to Dr. Brian Hearsey, professor of mathematics and acting dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs, there has been a discussion as to whether professors should be required to spend a set amount of hours on campus each week.

"I would say our number one priority is teaching and working with students," Hearsey says. "If research gets in the way of teaching, that's bad. Some blocks of time do need to be dedicated to research. It can mostly be done on campus, but not always."



Ben Waltz '11 / LA VIE

40 HOUR WEEK? The question of whether or not professors should stay on campus for a set number of hours has generated discussion among faculty members at LVC. While professors are available to help students during office hours, some believe that more rigid guidelines are needed

"In my department," Hearsey continues, "we're around most of the time and our doors are open. Office hours are guaranteed time for students but we invite students to come by anytime. It varies by department. In the

music department, professors teach most of the day with lessons, so students need office hours or an appointment. It really depends on the department. Overall, faculty should view

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Vehicles stolen from campus lots

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This past weekend two LVC students, one male and one female, reported their cars stolen. One reported on Friday Feb. 13th at 2pm and the other on Sunday Feb 15th at 4pm. The cars were last seen on Tuesday, Feb. 10th according to Al Yingst, Director of Public Safety. One car was in the Red lot and the other in the Gold lot.

The Gold lot car was a 2000 Honda Civic black coup, PA License number GKZ6131; the other

car was a 2000 Honda Civic red sedan New Jersey License number VEA88N. The similarities of the cars lead investigators to believe that they were stolen by professionals, who will use them for parts, according to Police Chief Michael T. Burdge.

"The Honda is one of the most popularly stolen cars," Burge said.



Ben Waltz '11 / LA VIE

RECURRING PROBLEM Two vehicles were reported stolen from the Red and Gold parking lots, almost one year after a series of vandalism reports in the Red Lot

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Gamma Gamma Sigma recognized at Founders Day

CHARLES McELWEE '11

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The 30th annual Founders Day Convocation was held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Miller Chapel.

This year, the service sorority Gamma Sigma Sigma received the President's Award. Annville residents V. Carl and Mary Jane Gacono were honored with the Founders Day Award.

The President's Award, given annually since 1993, honors a student organization that embodies the mission of LVC. Eight student groups were nominated this year for the President's Award.

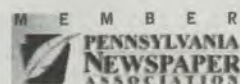
President Stephen MacDonald said the selection committee chose Gamma Sigma Sigma for its "good moral character, leadership on campus... and community service." President MacDonald quoted a retired LVC professor who had personal experience with the sorority. The retired professor stated that Gamma Sigma Sigma embodied the "concept of community outreach and service."

The sorority, which began in 1986, currently has 15 students. Among other events, student members were commended for helping and organizing Kids Day, Adopt a Highway, and the Palmyra Food Bank.

Kate Sererno, a junior Gamma Sigma Sigma member, said it was a "real honor to be awarded by the school because we are an organization based on service."

V. Carl and Mary Jane Gacono received the Founders Day Award,

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NEWS

Abortion debate draws small crowd



ABORTION APATHY 15 students, including the participants in the debate, turned out to watch as Mary Auker '10 and Daniel Walmer '10 debated the issue of abortion at the Mars Hill-sponsored event

NINA BALOGH '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

"The question is should abortion be legal, not is abortion right." Mary Auker '10, a religion and philosophy major, said during the abortion debate on Sunday Feb. 15th.

Both Auker and Daniel Walmer '10, an English major, took part in the 1 hour and 10 minute debate concerning abortion being legal and if so, subsidized by U.S. funds. Chaplain Paul Fulmer moderated the two as they went back and forth debating such topics as the overturning of Roe vs. Wade to Title X,

which entitles abortion information to women through family planning. Family planning is considered subsidized by the state. The debate took place in Lutz Hall in Blair. A mere 15 people attended the event, including those involved.

Walmer took the offensive position arguing that abortion should not be legal or subsidized while Auker defended abortion and its subsidization.

The student group, Mars Hill, a Theology and philosophy discussion group, sponsored the debate. Walmer was selected by fellow members of the organization to take part in the debate. Auker was

asked by Mars Hill member John Brown '10, a religion and philosophy major, to join the debate, after the group had some prior trouble finding a student to take the opposing side.

Both parties went into detail about such topics as when life occurs, DNA, moral vs. legal issues, as well as a woman's right to privacy vs. a fetus' right to life. Auker and Walmer both addressed each issue completely and respectfully reacting when the appropri-

ate time was given to them, as well as answering audience questions. Only two questions and one statement came from the sparsely attended debate.

"I would like people to walk away understanding the misinformation and skewed statistics about abortion," Auker said after the debate.

"I would like people to know that LVC students do not merely have surface interest in political issues, and a debate like this give insight to why they believe what they believe," Walmer said.

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FOUNDERS: Local couple receives Founders Day award

which recognizes individuals whose leadership and character enhances life in central Pennsylvania. The Gaconos, owners of Prudential Gacono Real Estate in Annville, were commended for their civic leadership.

President MacDonald noted how the Gaconos "animated and enlivened their beloved Annville" with the town's annual Memorial Day parade. The parade, which the Gaconos began organizing in 1990, was recently recognized by Governor Ed Rendell as the largest Memorial Day parade in Pennsylvania. President MacDonald stated that the Gaconos had accomplished an "organizational miracle" by turning a small event into a three-hour spectacle.

The Gaconos moved to Annville in 1954. Mr. Gacono, a native of Wildwood, NJ, met his wife in high school. Mrs. Gacono is originally from Myerstown.

Mr. Gacono served during the Korean War and graduated from Susquehanna University in 1953. Upon moving to Annville, he sold cars and later operated a local store with two brothers-in-law. He entered the real estate business in 1960. Mr. Gacono taught real estate as an adjunct instructor at LVC.

The Gaconos were also recognized for their hospitality. For decades, the Gaconos have opened their home and offered their assistance to children throughout the world. In 1975, they adopted two

sons and welcomed a 19-member refugee Vietnamese family who fled to the United States.

Upon receiving the award, Mr. Gacono provided a message of patriotism when discussing the Memorial Day parade.

"Patriotism belongs to everyone," said Mr. Gacono. "It is here 365 days a year. We just let them see it at our parade." Gacono, who served 40 years in the Army Reserves, said he is "blessed to have the title 'American.'"

Former recipients of the Founders Day award were in attendance at the event, including last year's recipient, Frank Dixon.

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CAMPUS CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

2-16-09

Two students reported their vehicles stolen (one on Friday, February 13, 2009 and the second one on Sunday, February 15, 2009). Both students reported parking their vehicles on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 and reported them missing February 13, 2009 and Sunday, February 15, 2009.

2-13-09 | Gold Lot

Vehicle Theft

2000 Honda Civic Black Coup
Pennsylvania license GKZ6131

2-15-09 | Red Lot

Vehicle Theft

2000 Honda Civic Red Sedan
New Jersey license VEA88N

Anyone with any information about these vehicles, please contact Lebanon Valley College Public Safety Office at x6111 or Annville Township Police at 867-2711.

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

SGA Update

Vehicle thefts, campus water quality among concerns addressed

LAUREL KLAPPHOLZ '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

be handled more effectively in the future.

All dorm concerns should be addressed to an RA in the appropriate building of the complaint.

One vehicle was stolen from both the Gold and Red lots last week. Public Safety did not follow student complaints last year since cameras were never purchased and rounds were not improved. Rounds are being enforced and purchasing a camera is under discussion.

Vickroy will most likely be the next dorm to be renovated this summer. A final decision has not yet been made.

In other news:

The SGA approved Rotoract for club status. Rotoract is a non-partisan, business based professional service organization for people 18 to 30 years old. Rotoract engages in local and international community service.

Student Concerns:

The campus water quality is under discussion. Students have been complaining that the water tastes like chlorine and metal.

Facility Services did not apply enough salt in the last snowstorm because they were trying to be environmentally friendly. The issue has been addressed and the ice will

Upcoming events:

Relay for Life on March 27.

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NEWS

OFFICE: "Expectations vary department to department"

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themselves as accessible to students."

"Expectations vary department to department," says Dr. Kevin Pry, associate professor of English and advisor of the Wig and Buckle Theatre Company. "Faculty working towards tenure have to balance research with teaching. My perception is most professors value that and make a good effort."

Pry points out that a small campus can be beneficial to student-professor interaction.

"Sometimes at other colleges, the tone with which professors defend their right to be left alone by students can be kind of arrogant," Pry says. "My perception is that we don't have that, which sets us apart from some larger institutions that may be more focused on research."

Students do need to realize that no matter how hard professors try, they will not always be available when a student wishes. Luckily, many students are willing to work with their professors to find time to meet if necessary.

25 LVC students were asked if they had trouble getting in contact with their professors. 23 said they did not have problems. Furthermore, all 25 said they were willing to make appointments with their professors if need be.

Pry maintains a visible and busy presence on campus, teaching the usual LVC four course load for professors as well as serving as advisor to the theatre company. On cam-

pus until 10 p.m. on many nights, he lets his students know they are welcome to come to rehearsals to obtain help for coursework.

"My own practice is office hours and other hours when I'm doing work, but I am not so absorbed that I can't stop to talk to a student," Pry says. "E-mail is great for solving basic questions, but there is no replacement for face-to-face time. After all, what are we here for?"

Hearsey says that most college campuses do not have mandated hours for professors.

"There aren't many other schools with requirements. On the majority of campuses, this topic is not discussed. I feel it's more of a philosophy than rules: be accessible to students," Hearsey says. "Students are our number one job. It's something we had a big discussion about this fall. It is my opinion, which is not agreed on by everyone, that faculty should be on campus some part of every day of the week."

At Messiah College, Carla Gross, director of marketing and public relations, says there is no mandate on whether professors need to stay on campus for a full eight-hour workday, though they do need to post office hours and meet with students independently. Gross says there is plenty of professional courtesy on campus and the topic is not a hot-button issue at Messiah.

Barbara Herman, assistant provost for budget and academic support at

Gettysburg College, says there is no mandate for professors needing to stay on campus for a full eight-hour workday, though they are also required to be available for classes and student conferences. Herman says the administration has given suggestions to the professors to be readily available for students and says it is not an issue at Gettysburg.

Nor is it a problem or mandate at Elizabethtown College. Lisa Rosenberger, assistant in human resources, says that there is not a standard on whether professors need to spend eight hours on campus. She says that many professors teach at least two full days worth of classes and the rest of the time can be used for research and work at home. Office hours are mandatory and they need to be specific.

While many LVC students do not feel there is a problem with contacting professors, Hearsey explains what to do should a problem arise.

"If a student thinks research is interfering with teaching, let it be known," Hearsey says.

Hearsey explains that if a student has a problem with a consistently unreachable professor, the first line of action should be speaking to the professor in question. Should the student still have a problem, the next step is to speak to the respective department chairperson, and, if still a problem, to the dean of faculty as a last resort.

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THEFT: Investigation ongoing

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After the cars were reported missing Public Safety and Annville Township Police started working very closely together on the investigation. Yingst said the vehicle information was sent out on the NCIC, which is a computer system that sends information out to all police stations in the state. At this time Annville Township is working with units as far as Harrisburg, Reading and Philadelphia. The state police are also involved and hold the car information in case either gets pulled over or the tags appear, Burdge said.

The police and Public Safety have no other leads on the inves-

tigation at this time, said both Burdge and Yingst. The victims are not ready to come forward at this time, according to Chief Burdge.

Chief Burdge would like to let LVC students know that there is an increased presence of both police and public safety officers in the area and that they are working diligently to get more information. They are in the process of reviewing surveillance tapes, and would like anyone with information to contact either Annville Township Police Dept. (717) 867-2711 or Public Safety (ex.6111).

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Conference educates on social justice

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On February 7 and 8, several Lebanon Valley College students traveled to the Laurel Lodge near Altoona, Pennsylvania to attend the Paloma Conference, a continuation of the Social Justice Institute held at LVC in January.

Approximately 60 students and advisors were present from various colleges and universities including Mansfield, Juniata, Elizabethtown, St. Francis and LVC. The overall goal of the event was to further educate the students on social justice as well as allow for networking opportunities.

Students attended several different workshops throughout the conference. James Kroll '11 said, "The

workshops were set up to educate students about social justice and the different things that are happening to minorities worldwide."

In addition to the workshops, participants attended lectures and played interactive games to learn more about each other. Students were also afforded the opportunity to meet students from around the state and discuss events held on their respective campuses.

Overall, students walked away with a positive view from the conference. Kroll said, "I found it to be a lot of fun. I learned more about social justice and I also made a lot of friends from different areas around the state."

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Corrections & Clarifications

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SPORTS

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The swim team was printed as competing in the Dickinson Invite last weekend. They instead competed in the MAC Championships.

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: Corrections.

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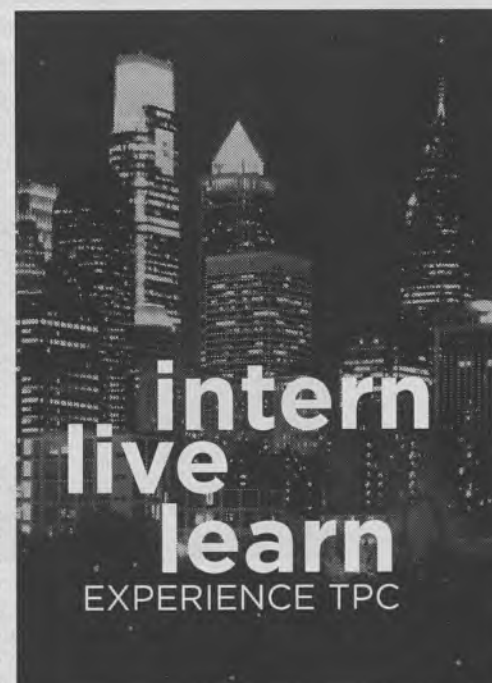
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Features

Q&A with Dean Green



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KRISTEN SHUEY '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Dr. Michael Green, the new vice president for academic affairs and the dean of the faculty, will join the Lebanon Valley College family on July 1. Green will replace Dr. Ronald Toll and current acting VP Dr. Bryan Hearsey. Here is *La Vie Collegienne's* interview with Green conducted last week.

LV: You have taught at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., for 22 years. What brings you all the way to Annville? What appealed to you about a job at LVC?

MG: I began teaching at Augustana College in 1987 as a part-time instructor in music while finishing my doctoral degree at the University of Iowa. I was ap-

pointed to a full-time position in 1990 and taught continuously until 2005—at that point I changed to full-time administration. While in the music department, I taught trombone, euphonium, tuba, music theory, and music appreciation and was chair of the department for five years.

I was attracted to the position for many reasons: The reputation of LVC as a strong liberal arts institution, the strength of its programs, the size of the institution, and the fit with my own experiences at Augustana College. During the interview process, I became even more enthusiastic after talking with faculty, students, administration and staff and felt that this would be a

great place to work. It's exciting to move to a completely new part of the country, and I'm really excited about the LVC area.

LV: What do you hope to accomplish as the new vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at LVC? What exactly will you be doing?

MG: In short, building on the strong traditions and programs

of the college. In order to do this, my first goal will be to really get to know LVC and its people. Although I met many individuals when I was on campus for my interview, there are many more to meet and much to learn. By doing this, I will gain a

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DR. MICHAEL GREEN

New Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

much better sense of institutional priorities and how I might best assist in that process.

LV: Judging by the fact that you have worked in the music department at Augustana College for many years and also that you are a bass trombonist, it is not hard to see that you are a music guy. What are some of your favorite bands or artists?

MG: Most of my training and experience as a musician has been as a symphonic bass trombonist, playing in a good number of orchestras, including 18 years as bass trombonist with the Quad City Symphony in Davenport, Iowa, and four summer seasons with the Bedford Symphony Orchestra in Bedford, Pa. As a student, I was lucky to have great performance experience at the Aspen Music Festival in Colorado, the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, Calif., and even Disneyland for a summer. In addition to the more classical repertoire, I've had orchestra and jazz band contract work with many artists—Ray Charles, Natalie Cole, Bob Hope, Moody Blues, Joffrey Bal-

let productions, to name a few. And like all young musicians, you play your share of Tupperware conventions, madrigal dinners, weddings, and the like! Okay, I also like to listen to a wide assortment of music from jazz to East Asian Indian music to rock and classical chamber music. And favorite artists and bands? Christian Lindberg—trombone; Chicago Symphony Orches-

tra; Ravi Shankar—Indian sitarist; Bela Fleck—banjo.

LV: Let's get personal. Tell me a bit about your family. Are they music gurus too?

MG: If you're talking about my cats—no, all they do is “sing” for food and “percussively” purr.

LV: Finally, let's be honest. You were on LVC's campus a few weeks ago for the interview process. What did you think of the area? How different is Annville from Rock Island, Ill.? Anything strike you as bizarre?

MG: I was struck by the beautiful campus and the friendly people. It was a very inviting experience. Rock Island is part of the Quad Cities—four communities surrounding a portion of the Mississippi River. The total population of the Quad Cities is around 300,000, so moving to the Annville area will be a nice change. Many of my colleagues that know this part of the country tell me it is a great place to live. I can't wait to check this all out soon! Bizarre? Nothing really, but I will need some lessons on the Eastern Pennsylvania pronunciations—I messed up Lancaster pretty badly.

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Looking for something?

JESSICA SHIREY '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

It is as if someone has food stuck in his or her teeth. You know it is there, but you say nothing.

Similarly, students say they know that the lost and found exists, but they act as though it does not. Slowly but surely items pile up.

Keys, cell phones, books, IDs, backpacks, and sometimes clothes find their way to the lost and found in Mund College Center, says Deb Bishop, secretary of Student Affairs and Multicultural Activities.

Bishop says sometimes items are easily returned. Books, folders, and backpacks often have names on them. In that case, Bishop says she will e-mail the

student. Sometimes cell phones are turned in and are still on. If the phone rings, Bishop may answer and ask is being called. She informs the caller that the person's phone has been lost. If the caller does not wish to say who is being called, Bishop will ask them to inform the owner, she says.

If you cannot find what you are looking for there, Bishop always recommends checking with Public Safety.

The lost and found bin at Public Safety is often nearly empty.

But safety officers Tom Blouch and Charlie Sando say when items

do turn up they usually consist of keys, cell phones, and sunglasses. There have even been cases of lost musical instruments.

Records are kept of all lost items, which are never disposed. Blouch

says long, unclaimed items may be taken to Mund because it has more visibility due to increased student traffic.

The computer lab in Lynch also has a small lost and found and the library keeps lost items. Physical therapy major Amanda Wagner '11 works in the library and says the library keeps a bin behind the circulation desk.

Professors also hold on to lost items. Dr. Marianne Goodfellow, associate professor of sociology, says she has never found anything out of the ordinary left behind by students.

However, she has found expensive textbooks.

“They put them under their seats and forget them,” Goodfellow says. She places a note on her office door about lost items and keeps them in her office so nobody takes them.

But not all misplaced items end up in the lost and found.

English major Jess Lapp '10 had to laugh when she bought a book from the LVC bookstore, she says. Lapp opened the book during class to find a note that said, “The guy behind you is really hot!”

Many students, however, do not seem to be misplacing notes. Instead, the lost and found holds common, practical items.

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Ben Waltz '11 / LA VIE

IS THIS STUFF YOURS? If you've lost something recently, check out a lost and found located in Mund, Lynch Computer Lab, or Public Safety

Arts & Entertainment

Friday the 13th refuses to die



courtesy of www.medialabistro.com

KEVIN WISNIEWSKI '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Jason Voorhees returns in *Friday the 13th*, the 12th installment in the popular horror franchise. With machete in hand and a few tricks up his sleeve, Jason returns to haunt Camp Crystal Lake, thanks to a melting pot of new and unbelievable stupid campers.

Some may have been confused by the title *Friday the 13th* because it's the same title as the original and gives the impression that the current Jason film was a remake of the classic. The latest Jason movie is more a reworking and re-envisioning of the original, putting a new

spin on it for 2009 audiences.

The *Friday the 13th* from the '80s climaxes with Jason's mother being decapitated whereas the current version begins with the decapitation scene. Also in the original, Jason's mother is the one reeking havoc and chaos as her reign of terror continues until all the camp counselors were dead. In the updated version, Jason is the one doing all the slaughtering.

Michael Bay had a minor role as co-producer on *Friday the 13th*. Way back in 2003, Bay was also part of bringing *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* back to the big screen and turned out to be a forgettable chapter in the franchise. Bay needs to stick to big budget, brainless action movies like *Transformers* if he's interested in continuing to be a rising star in Hollywood.

The locales were aesthetically appealing and the kills were intense and exciting, although that was not enough to keep this mundane flick afloat. The decline began after the thrilling first act as the film began to stumble into familiar territory.

There was enough juicy sex and gratuitous violence to have teenagers energized in their seats and eyes glued to the screen. For everybody else, the most you will experience is glazed eye syndrome.

The film was quite successful at delivering the scares that fans were eagerly anticipating. The numerous "gotcha" moments were uncomfortable and rousing, knowing the kids were at the mercy of the psychopath Jason. Jason was always one step ahead of those meddling fools.

Jason is a cocky cash cow at the box office and promises to bring in the dough every round. This most recent addition to the series offers nothing new with respect to content or story line.

Even after 11 movies, fans are still dying to see the next Jason movie. Unfortunately, I smell a sequel brewing...maybe *Friday the 13th Part 13: You Can't Kill Me, So Stop Trying*.

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Friday Night Outchman

Friday, February 20, 2009
8:00 pm

Leedy Theater

Student Musical: *"The Pirates of Penzance"*

One of Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular comic operas, it was a hit when it opened in 1879 and won several Tony Awards after its 1980 revival in New York. Show runs this weekend through Sunday, Feb. 22.

9:00 pm

Lutz Hall, Blair

Performer: Stevie Starr, *"The Regurgitator"*

There's virtually nothing he can't regurgitate: live goldfish, light bulbs, billiard balls, coins, rings—even a Rubik's Cube.

Friday, March 13, 2009

8:30 pm

Arnold Sports Center Arena

Concert artist: *Fireflight*

This Christian, post-grunge

band originated in Florida in 1999 and played in Pennsylvania at the summer Creation Festival '08. This event is being held in conjunction with Dr. Miroslav Volf's 7 p.m. talk. The Volf event plus the Fireflight Concert is \$5 in advance, purchased on campus only. Discounted price valid only through 7 p.m. on Friday, March 13. After 7 p.m. an additional \$10 fee will be charged to the ticketholder.

9:00 pm

Leedy Theater

Comedian: Ryan Reiss

He began his stand-up career at NYU, and quickly became a favorite for his quick wit. Reiss warms up Fox studio audiences nearly every day.

compiled by Alyssa Bender '11

Music awards have little sway over students

LINDSAY BRACALE '09

LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The television ratings for the Grammy Awards show recently were way up from previous broadcasts, with a total of over 19 million viewers tuning in to watch. Performances featured artists such as U2, Coldplay, Kanye West and Jennifer Hudson. The big winners of the night were Robert Plant and Allison Krauss who won five Grammys for all of the categories for which they were nominated. Coldplay followed closely with three Grammy wins. The awards are important and revered in the music business, but what about the average listener, such as the LVC student?

La Vie Collegienne wants to know: Do the Grammys influence what music you listen to?

Dana Gelbaugh '10, biochemistry and molecular biology:

"The Grammys hardly affect my choice of music. I listen to music I like and if the artist gets nominated or even wins, more power to them,



www.usatoday.com

Collaborators Robert Plant and Allison Krauss pose with their awards, including Record of The Year for "Please Read The Letter"

but I'm not going to like them any better than I did before they were nominated or won. The Grammys may introduce me to a new artist that I like, but I don't think I would just listen to an artist because they were a Grammy nominee or Grammy winner."

Kaitlyn Kepler '12, elementary education:

"The Grammys have never affected my choice of music. I

don't think that I would be more likely to listen to a group if they were winners or nominated. My favorite artists are Lil' Wayne and Taylor Swift, two completely different artists. I'm pretty sure Taylor Swift has won at least one Grammy. I'm not sure about Lil' Wayne."

Jordan Lynch '09, music

"I didn't even watch the Grammys this year. The music I tend to enjoy does not receive much "air time" and thus is rarely nominated for a Grammy. My favorites? Steely Dan, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Pink Floyd, to name some of the more well-known ones. Chick Corea, Allan Holdsworth, King Crimson, Oysterhead, Dillinger Escape Plan, and Aphex Twin to name some less familiar ones. A few of them like Chick Corea, Steely Dan, Smashing Pumpkins, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers have won Grammys."

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PERSPECTIVES

Valley's Voices

Letters to the Editor

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NINA BALOGH '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

In 2008, LVC's campus has had five reported instances of harassment, according to Public Safety figures.

LVC defines harassment as an ongoing pattern of interaction in which an individual or individuals continue contact with another in-

dividual or individuals. Or, in short, any unwanted interaction, says Greg Krikorian, vice-president for Student Affairs. The punishment for harassment at LVC depends on the severity of the incident. Punishments can be anything from counseling to expulsion.

Continual education is one of the main ways the school keeps tabs on

harassment, Krikorian adds. "A lot of things occur out of ignorance," he says. This is why students are continually taught through peer mentors, groups, RAs or programs throughout their college career about harassment and the effects it has. This education begins as soon as freshmen students arrive at New Student Orientation at the beginning of an academic year.

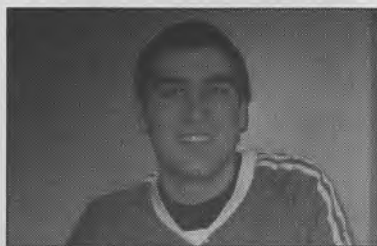
No matter how severe or how simple an issue may seem, Krikorian said administration and public safety are made aware and steps are taken to resolve the issue in question. "On the surface what may look like nothing could be very serious" Krikorian says.

What do LVC Students think?

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What do you think LVC should take seriously as harassment?



Gabriel Lincoln-DeCusatis '12
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Khevna Shukla '11
Biology



Kyra Naugle '10
Elementary Education



Jeff Thompson '10
Music Education

"Hazing, sexual harassment or any discriminatory behavior should be taken seriously."

"Any form of bullying, mentally or physically because some people take bullying as a small form of picking on someone but it can get out of hand."

"Anything where you feel someone is invading your privacy and continues to bother you even after you've asked them nicely to leave you alone."

"Anything where a person feels their well-being mentally or physically is in danger"

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Letter to the Editor

YOU WROTE

Recently students at LVC received an email about the theft of student vehicles from the Red Lot. The email stated the response to this was "Public Safety is taking steps to increase patrols in this area." Is this really all the school plans to do? Last year somebody was throwing bricks at people's cars and the response was an "increase of patrols." That seems to have worked well hasn't it? How long will it take until Public Safety becomes lax again and another student's vehicle is stolen? I really urge the student body to ask for security cameras to be placed out in the parking lots. At this point Public Safety and Campus Administration can't possibly have a reason to not put cameras out in the parking lots. I understand that cameras are not the final solution to our vehicle problem but it would go a long way to identifying persons who are breaking into cars. Cameras could also deter persons from breaking into vehicles in the first place. Understand that I don't believe that Public Safety is incompetent; I really do believe that they are doing the best they can. In order for Public Safety to do more, they are going to need those cameras, and not just a student employee sitting in a mini shed next to a single entrance.

Matt Oleyniczak '09
Art and Art History

SPORTS

Men fall out of play-off picture

Meehan, Enoch shine as Dutchmen fall to Blue Jays

RYAN ZVORSKY '09
CIRCULATION MANAGER

Effort does not always equal victory and the Valley found that out the hard way.

In front of a packed LVC Gymnasium crowd, the Dutchmen fought tooth-and-nail with the visiting Blue Jays of Elizabethtown, falling in the final seconds, 78-74.

The loss put the Dutchmen at 4-7 in Commonwealth Conference play, sitting a game and a half out of the fourth and final playoff spot.

LVC can still get in with some major help, but their chances took a big hit Saturday.

With their win, Elizabethtown (6-5 CC) clinched a spot in the conference playoffs.

LVC started off on a quick 6-0 spurt

as starting point guard Joe Meehan '12 found two-guard Kyle Enoch '09 on the left wing on two consecutive possessions, allowing Enoch to drain two treys in the first 1:03 of the game.

The senior scored 18 points on the day, shooting 7-for-14 from the floor in 39 minutes.

The Blue Jays answered right back on two straight threes of their own to make it a 6-6 game in the first two minutes of action. Guards Keith Fogel and Phil Schaffer were able to convert from downtown.

Elizabethtown jumped out to a nine-point lead at the 13:00 mark thanks to a 16-7 run--since the game was deadlocked at 6-6--but the Dutchmen took a three-point lead four minutes later after Zach Hoover '11 knocked down a short eight-foot jumper in the lane.

The score stood at 28-25 Valley as the back and forth, nail-biting contest continued between the bitter archrivals.

After a 28-28 tie, Meehan, who led the Valley on the afternoon with a game-high 23 points on 9-of-19 shooting, converted on a lay-up attempt and put his team up 32-31 with 6:17 until the half.

After another tie, Meehan was able to knot the game at 41-41 at the break with his jumper with 45 seconds left.

The intensity and emotion carried over into the second half and for both teams, they knew what was at stake.

Unfortunately, the Valley fell completely out of the play-off picture last night when they fell to Widener, 49-69.

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LAX: Lacrosse still set to return in 2010

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"LVC is a beautiful campus with first-rate facilities," he said. Haus also mentioned the exciting challenge that awaited him: "being able to start a program from ground level."

Haus has much experience under his belt, and he is hoping to use that to an advantage.

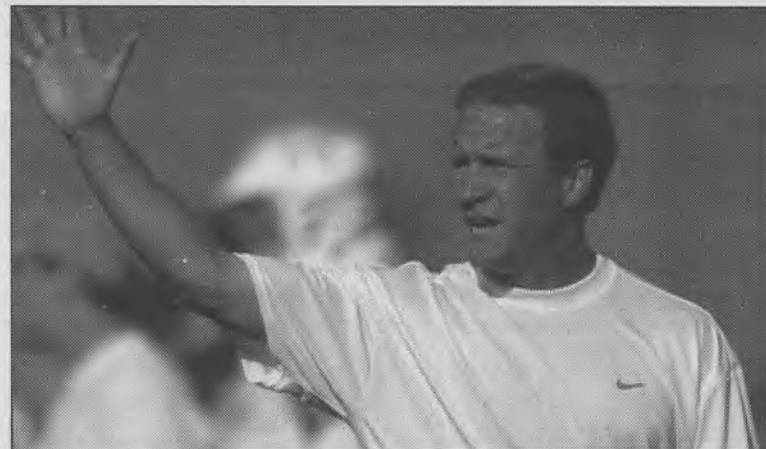
"We would like to recruit with the best programs in division three for both men and women," said Haus. "Both programs would like to get to a point of playing for Middle Atlantic Conference and NCAA championships on a yearly basis."

The goals are set, and Haus is ready to take them on. And the process is only beginning.

"We are real close to setting a schedule," Beard said. "The majority of the games will be conference games."

Beard also mentioned that since so many MAC conference schools had lacrosse, only a few non-conference games will have to be scheduled.

As for recruiting, Beard noted



Courtesy Sports Information

IN THE HAUS John Haus (above) was named head coach for the men's lacrosse team in December. Haus' impressive track record includes head coaching stops at the University of North Carolina and Johns Hopkins. He is now tasked with restarting a program that has been gone for 15 years

Haus' professional ability.

"Coach Haus had done a great job," he said. "He has been very busy."

"There are so many recruits that are still out there looking for a home," said Haus. "I feel confident we can field a team of 25-30 men and 20-25 women."

Beard agreed that was a goal. He would like to also "field a competitive team" once the process is underway.

The program is building, and it

is only a matter of time before more announcements are made. Beard says "around spring break" might be the start. It is a process ready for success.

Haus agrees. "It should be a very exciting 2010 season for both programs!"

Ready for lacrosse? It is here once again.

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Scoreboard

Men's Basketball:

2/11 vs. Arcadia	W, 76-69
2/14 vs. Elizabethtown	L, 74-78
2/17 at Widener	L, 49-69

Women's Basketball:

2/11 vs. Arcadia	W, 66-31
2/14 vs. Elizabethtown	W, 71-59
2/17 at Widener	L, 68-70

Ice Hockey:

2/13 at Elmira	L, 2-9
2/14 at Elmira	L, 1-3

Men's Indoor Track & Field:

2/14 Dickinson Invite	5/16
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Women's Indoor Track & Field:

2/14 Dickinson Invite	8/14
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Swimming:

2/13 MAC Championships	
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Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball:

2/21 vs. Wilkes	3 p.m.
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Women's Basketball:

2/20 at Wilkes	6 p.m.
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Ice Hockey:

2/20 vs. Neumann	7 p.m.
2/21 vs. Neumann	3 p.m.

Indoor Track & Field:

2/21 Susquehanna Open	10 a.m.
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VALLEY TALLY

ICE HOCKEY

With two games remaining, the team is still looking for their first win of the season, after a hard-fought match to Elmira. The team has only two games remaining on the season this weekend at the Klick-Lewis Arena.

TRACK & FIELD

The men's and women's squads recorded solid performances in the Dickinson Invitational. The men were led by Jerome Duncan '12 and Bryan Phanthavong '09, who finished first and second in the 55-hurdles. The team had even more success with Chris Bauer '09 capturing second in the 600-meter, just missing a first place finish. Josh Light '10 finished third in the 55-meter dash and recieved several more top-10 finishes. The women also put up good performances with Megan Long '10 placing fifth in the 800-meter run and Tracey Fortugno '10 reeling in second in the pole vault. The team recieved several more top-10 finishes.

SWIMMING

Swimming wrapped up their season this weekend with an appearance at the MAC Championships. Kevin Carney '09 performed well, capturing fifth in the 1650-yard freestyle and sixth in the 200-yard backstroke to go along with a sixth place finish as part of the men's 400 free relay team. The women's relay team also finished well, posting a seventh place finish and nearly posting a new LVC record time. Ally Birli '11 accompanied Carney with an individual top-10 finish, posting an eight place finish in the 200 fly.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

KEVIN CARNEY
SWIMMING



The senior finished his college career with three top-6 finishes at the MAC Championships this weekend. Carney currently holds a number of LVC individual and relay records.

BY THE NUMBERS

15

Team leading total points on the season by forward Brad Surdam '11 for the hockey team (6 goals, 9 assists)

17

Team leading points per game on the season for Kyle Enoch '09 for the men's basketball squad going into last night's game

2

The number of events Kevin Carney '09 placed in the top-10 at the MAC Championships for the men's swim team

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SUZIE NOYES
BASKETBALL

Noyes recorded double-digit points in all three games on the week including 20 yesterday in the loss

to Widener. During the week, Noyes notched 44 points over three games to lead the squad.





Men's Basketball
continue to struggle
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Lacrosse on path
for 2010 return
See Below



SPORTS

Ryan's Illustrated achievement

STUART JEFFCOAT '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Even in uniform, there is one player on the Lebanon Valley football team who is more noticeable than others. It may be the kicking ability or the ponytail peeking out from her helmet. Brittany Ryan '11 has already been one to make history as the first female player on the team, which several magazines and newspapers have noticed.

Ryan, LVC's first female kicker has been featured in Sports Illustrated magazine in the Jan. 19, 2009 issue. One of the reasons is because of the rarity of a girl playing football.

However, Ryan is modest about the feature.

"It's just a little blurb about me and some stats," she said. "The first time in December 2006 there was a two page spread of me kicking."

Though she says she enjoys the attention as much as the next person, she doesn't feel like she deserves the sole mention.



Ben Waltz '11/ LA VIE

AND IT'S GOOD Brittany Ryan '11 (right) appeared in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of Sports Illustrated last month. Ryan's mention came in the Jan. 19th edition of the magazine (cover on the left)

"I feel that our team as a whole should get recognition, not just me," she admitted.

Some people may worry about possible physical concerns about a girl on the football field. It is true that Ryan is much smaller than her male counterparts, but she remains undaunted.

"Really, my coaches and family worry about me getting hit. They

worry much more than I do."

Despite the football fame, Ryan, at the end of the day, is still a normal college student.

She is from Easton where she kicked for the Easton High School football team. After graduating, she joined the LVC team, becoming the third female in NCAA history to kick a field goal.

In the 2008 season, Ryan made

19 of 21 field goals.

She is a sophomore business administration major and feels that her ability to thrive in a male dominated sport will in some ways translate into the ability to thrive in similar situations in the business world.

"I think playing football with the guys allows me to feel comfortable in male oriented situations," she said.

But Brittany doesn't spend all of her time with the guys. She enjoys shopping, hanging out with friends and any number of other activities for a student her age.

"During the football season, I eat dinner with the guys because we all get out of practice at the same time. But in the off season I eat with my girlfriends."

Football is clearly very important to Ryan, but it's not the only thing that she focuses on.

"I definitely think there's a stereotype that goes along with it," she revealed, "but as far as it goes, I feel like I break that stereotype."

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Lacrosse in the crease for 2010

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LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Lacrosse is back.

The announcement was made at LVC Fall semester of 2008 and the excitement continues to build. LVC hasn't had lacrosse since 1985, when both the men and women programs ended. Rick Beard, Director of Athletics at LVC, noted that the time was right to bring the sport back.

"It has been talked about for a long time here," he said. "Interest has grown dramatically."

He also mentioned the demand he has seen for this sport to be available.

"The thing that has been most exciting is the reaction we've had." Beard noted the interest and excitement by both on-campus students and LVC alumni has been great. He also mentioned that he wanted LVC to stay competitive within the school's conference.

"Many schools in our conference had it [lacrosse]," he said. "We were losing them [recruits] to the competition." Beard made it clear that another factor was to include "another value-added experience for our students" at the college.

In an area so packed with talent, Beard said it was inevitable this program would develop. He explained that a large majority of lacrosse players come from LVC's recruiting area, a fact that was hard to ignore.

"We can attract more students to LVC."

Yet, one large challenge did loom: finding a coach.

Was it a daunting task? Yes. But was it successful? Extremely.

John Haus, a former head coach of the University of North Carolina, John Hopkins University, and Washington College, was the perfect fit. He saw the opportunity LVC offered him and took it.

Pretty in Pink

Women's squad dominate PinkZone game, win two of three on the week

STEVEN H. WISNER '09
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On Wednesday Feb. 11, every inch of the Lebanon Valley Gymnasium was covered in pink as a crowd of 1,280 packed the arena for the second annual PinkZone Game to watch the Valley's women's team take on Arcadia.

Even the squad wore pink and their jersey's were auctioned off in a silent auction during the game to raise money for the Lebanon chapter of the American Cancer Society. In the effort, \$3,035 was raised to help fight breast cancer.

Numerous local businesses helped sponsor the event, giving numerous raffle prizes and gifts to be distributed during the course of the contest.

The game was once again an overall success for raising both money and awareness in the fight against cancer.

On the court, the women's squad played well. The Dutchmen dominated



Courtesy Sports Information

HUDLING FOR A CURE The team huddles up during last Wednesday's PinkZone game where the Dutchmen beat Arcadia in impressive fashion, 66-31

ed the Knights, 66-31. The offense was led by star guard Lori Lidlow '11, who recorded 14 points off the bench and forward Suzie Noyes '11, who notched 11 points of her own in the contest.

LVC led 29-9 at the half as the Knights shot only 19 percent from the floor. Arcadia shot better in the second half, but the Valley kept it rolling from there, leading by as much as

37 with only seconds remaining.

The Valley continued their success into the weekend, toppling the Elizabethtown College Blue Jays, 71-59.

The Blue Jays' Megan Quinn dominated the box score, racking up 22 points and 14 rebounds, but it was not enough to topple LVC.

The Dutchmen had five players reach double-figures. Andrea Hoover

'11 led the team in scoring with 17 points along with her team-leading 6 assists. Eryn Schultz '11 and Suzie Noyes '11 also had impressive games with 14 and 13 points respectively.

The game marked the final home game for the team's seniors, Amie Bickert '09 and Megan Bish '09, who recorded 10 points in the game. Both seniors were honored before the game and were in the starting five.

Unfortunately, the team's winning streak was halted yesterday as the Widener Pride toppled LVC in a close game, 68-70.

In the game, however, Noyes dominated, recording a double-double, notching 20 points and 15 boards.

The Valley will play its last regular season game on Friday when they take on Wilkes at 7 p.m. and having already clinched a play-off berth, LVC will begin postseason play next Wednesday.

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Campus security a top priority

Public Safety, Annville Township Police reassure students

JESSICA SHIREY '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Grades. Jobs. Friends. Students have a lot of things to worry about. Should safety be one of them?

Last semester students learned of registered sex offenders living near campus. Now that more time has passed, students and authorities seem confident about campus security.

Allen Yingst, LVC's director of public safety, assures students this situation continues to be monitored with the Annville Police Department and there is nothing new to report.

Mathematics major Curt Cenci '11 knows sex offenders live everywhere but he reportedly doesn't feel less safe.

"I cannot think of a safer town than Annville," Cenci said. He add-



Ben Waltz '11 / LA VIE

STUDENT SAFETY Despite incidents such as the recent theft of two vehicles from the Red and Gold Parking Lots, Public Safety and Annville Township Police assure students that they are safe

ed that he is more concerned with slippery sidewalks in winter.

Music education major Rachel Mingle '09 said she feels safe on campus. She is, however, cautious

around the rest of Annville and says that at night she does not travel alone.

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Serving in school

Pursuing higher education and serving in the military

KRISTEN VERDELLI '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

For the average college student, a typical day consists of studying for exams, socializing with friends, and surfing Facebook. The majority of us do not have to spend our days worrying about the fate of the people we love or protecting our country while working toward an education. The students who serve in the military, or know soldiers serving in the military, have one more added worry on top of the everyday college demands.

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'Do Away With the Tray'

Hallmark eliminates trays for economic and environmental reasons

PATRICK SALOMON '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

In an effort to "think green," Hallmark Dining Services in cooperation with Lebanon Valley College has implemented the "Do Away With the Tray" program.

Meanwhile, the ecological efforts of the school are interfering with the quality of life for some students on campus.

Junior Alyse Canciello is one student who is negatively affected

by the lack of trays. Due to a high school injury, Canciello has limited use of her right arm. She came back to school Jan. 6 for training week for the swim team and was surprised to find no trays in Mund.

"I thought maybe this was just for training week," said Canciello, "but it's at least for a partial semester. What about injured athletes and students with disabilities? I feel that they were not taken into

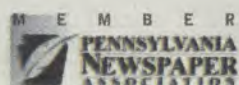
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TRAYS OF OUR LIVES



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LUNCHLINE IN LIMBO? Hallmark Dining services eliminated trays much to the dismay of some LVC students, though special consideration is still made for students with disabilities



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MILITARY: 'A very defining experience'

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College student Jon Bigley, 19, knows this all too well. Not only is he a soldier in the Army Reserves, he has witnessed many of his close friends deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan to fight in the war against terror, including one who left with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 628th Aviation Battalion on Feb. 5.

"It's tough when they leave because they will be gone for a while, and I'm used to spending most of my time with them. It's an adjustment, and I always feel like I should be right there beside them over there," he says.

Two of his friends that deployed were injured in battle.

"When I heard Benji had been hit, it didn't seem real to me. At first, they thought he might need one of his legs amputated, but, luckily, they were able to save it," he says.

Bigley's friend is still recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. from the incident that occurred over a year ago. He worries that his other friends will be injured in battle.

Even after living through all of this, Bigley plans to transfer to active duty once his college courses are completed. "It's something I've always wanted to do. I want to have the experience of defending our country overseas," he says.

Some Lebanon Valley College students also face this dilemma each day. Take Maria Pagonakis, '09, for example. Her boyfriend, a member of the Marines, is currently deployed at Cuba's Guantanamo Bay for three months and has an upcoming seven month deployment to Bahrain. They have been apart for four months before, but she is worried about the seven month deployment. Not being able to communicate with her boyfriend is the hardest part about when he deploys. She said it is hard to manage time for phone calls because their schedules are so different.

"I know I can't see him when he's gone and that's ok, but it gets

really hard when it comes down to not being able to talk much as well. You confide in that person, and you're so close with them so when you can't do that it's really hard," she says, "I have to keep stuff in. I can talk to my friends, but he's the one person I always went to."

Pagonakis keeps busy with work and school while her boyfriend is deployed and surrounds herself

areas. Upon return from his deployment, Lepri received financial aid from the Army to obtain his MBA and chose LVC's program because it offered the training he was looking for to enhance his career as an officer.

Captain Russell Flick, another participant in LVC's MBA program and Operations Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction, Civil Support Team, enlisted with the Air Force during his senior year of high school.

"I was looking for electronics training and wanted to pursue an engineering degree. I knew the Air Force had good electronics training and that after I finished my nine months of school, I would be very close to an associate's degree from the Community College of the Air Force," he says.

Between deployments in Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch in Southeast Asia, Operation Restore Democracy in Haiti, and Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia, Flick was eventually able to complete his bachelor's degree and become a commissioned officer. It

took him 18 years to complete this goal.

Both Lepri and Flick explain the most part of deployment is being separated from their families.

"When I left for Iraq, my oldest son was entering West Point, which is a very tough school, my daughter was only six, and my middle boy was a freshman in high school. This was a lot for my wife to have to deal with and knowing that my wife had a lot to handle was the most difficult part. I wanted to be there to help her," Lepri says.

Flick says that it is usually harder on the families than the soldiers because they get most of their information from the media, and soldiers are not always able to contact them. This creates a lot of anxiety about the well-being of a loved one serving overseas.

"My dad was a commissioned officer in World War II. He always talked about how highly soldiers in the Army were looked upon in the US, which I wanted to experience too."

LT. COL. LORIS LEPRI IN PAARNG
Graduate Student, Business
Administration Program

with friends who also have loved ones deployed. "I don't have time to do anything else between work and school, but, when he comes home, I take off work all the time," she says. Pagonakis admits that it is always an exciting time when her boyfriend comes home.

Two graduate students in LVC's Master of Business Administration program and officers in the military explain the experience of deployment and the challenges it presents to education and their loved ones. Loris Lepri, LTC, IN, PAARNG, experienced a one year deployment to Iraq as an infantry commander of 600 soldiers from 2005-2006.

"It was a very defining experience in my life - one I would consider very positive," he says.

Lepri's unit was responsible for active patrols of suburban civilian

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All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

2-18-09 | Lynch Hall, Miller Chapel

Medical Assists

Public Safety Officer assisted two students who passed out on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in Lynch Hall and Miller Chapel

2-19-09 | The Underground

Medical Assist

Public Safety Officer assisted a student who passed out in The Underground

2-20-09 | LVC Campus

Harassment

A professor on campus received a letter from an individual from off campus concerning an article that was published in a newspaper and their dissatisfaction with the contents of the article. Investigation continues. Information shared with Annville Township Police.

2-20-09 | Vickroy Hall

Thefts

Two students reported someone opened their mail. One student reported a \$25 gift card was missing; the other reported personal information was removed from an envelope. Investigation continues, anyone with any information please call the Public Safety Office at ext. 6111

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

Despite the hardships of being away from loved ones, the military offers a chance for bonding with many different people and defending our country.

"I work with people that I can count on without reservation. I have made numerous life-long friends while serving," Flick says.

A veteran of the Iraq War, Lepri discusses the advancements he witnessed taking place in Iraq as a result of the military's presence. "My unit helped with security for a major election in Iraq, and we watched those people obtain the democratic rights we value so highly," he says. His unit always tried to help Iraqi citizens as much as possible between the fighting.

Both men say they wanted a military career since they were children. "My dad was a commissioned offi-

cer in World War II. He always talked about how highly soldiers in the Army were looked upon in the US, which I wanted to experience too."

Bigley has also yearned for a military career since he was a child and heard war stories from various members of his family. He took a leave of absence in his second semester of college to attend basic training and become part of the Reserves.

The military is a way of life for many people throughout the country. One thing is certain - the men and women serving our country, along with their families, are proud of their role in defending the country, despite the obvious hardships it creates in the short-term.

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NEWS

SGA Update

Security video captures vehicle theft; investigation ongoing

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SGA president Charlie Fisher '09 announced that cameras recorded one of the vehicles reported stolen last week being driven away from the student lot. The administration is sending it to a lab for a better view.

Also, one member of student government suggested using the new DutchmenOne cards with a gating system for the lots. The College will look into this suggestion.

Yearbooks may be ordered at all meals this Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at one of the tables outside the dining hall.

Due to student concerns, a meeting will be held in the next few days concerning testing the water quality on campus.

Upcoming events: Relay for Life on March 27

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TRAYS: A step towards environmental responsibility

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consideration."

"Having a tray is still not easy," added Cancellio. "But not having a tray is harder."

Cancellio submitted a comment card to Hallmark about the problem.

Hallmark issued a written response to her comment card six days after Cancellio submitted her complaint. She was informed that trays would be available upon request to students who needed them.

"We have been in contact with the Office of Disability Services," explained Nick Malone, General Manager of Conference and Dining Services at LVC. "Some topics we can respond to immediately, but sometimes we have to consult with the college administration and staff."

Malone worked closely with the LVC administration in considering Do Away With the Tray. A group of students and staff called The President's Sustainability Task Force was created to look at ways LVC could be friendlier to the environ-

ment. In light of the pending Mund renovations, the task force focused on what improvements could be made in the College Center.

"The process included touring eight to 10 other colleges," said Vice President for Student Affairs Greg Krikorian. "We found that a lot of colleges and universities were eliminating trays. One school saved about half a swimming pool full of water."

Furthermore, another concern was the amount of food waste possibly encouraged by the use of trays.

Do Away With the Tray is a step towards environmental responsibility for LVC, according to school officials.

However, some students are not

willing to lose their trays without a fight.

The leader of the self-proclaimed Le Resistance de Tray, who wishes to remain anonymous for fear of retribution, is the voice for students who are displeased with the "tray-less" atmosphere.

"We see this as a grave injustice to the students of LVC," said the source. "As soon as we got word of this devious plot to rob the students of their trays, we began stockpiling. We have enough to last our few numbers for perhaps another few weeks, but we aren't sure how long we can hold out. This madness must come to an end."

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SECURITY: Campus 'extremely safe'

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Junior health science major Amanda Sarkowski believes her biggest safety concern would be strangers entering dorm buildings.

Yingst understands that it can be hard to know who is on campus. However, he understands that the openness of a college campus is more favorable.

"I don't believe we want to have a prison setting on campus," he said. People are free to come and go as they like. Because of this, Public Safety relies on support from staff and students and encourages all to report suspicious activity.

Annville Chief of Police Michael T. Burdge said students should not feel bad about calling 911 to report suspicious behavior and testifies that LVC Public Safety and the Annville Police Department have a great relationship.

"The lines of communication are great," he said and added that campus security and Annville police work together as needed, depending on the severity of a situation.

Burdge stressed the importance of communication and encouraged students to keep some form of communication on them at all times.

LVC has taken further steps to ensure good communication by implementing the new campus alert system that allows registered students to get alerts via cell phone and e-mail. Yingst says that "with the recent incidents occurring on other campuses, the time to do it was right."

Sarkowski said that she feels

more prepared with the alert system but not necessarily safer.

Cenci believes sirens are the best part of the alert system.

"If I heard gunshots or something of that nature, checking my phone for a text or my email would be the last thing on my mind," he says.

But what else is being done to prepare for the event of an emergency situation like the shooting at Virginia Tech? Chief of Police Burdge assured students that campus security is undergoing training and that Lebanon has an emergency service unit. He added that while campus security cannot carry weapons, in the future they may receive training for the use of mace and tasers.

Burdge confirmed the campus is extremely safe. Yingst is confident in Public Safety and reassured students that "safety issues can be acted on promptly." Yingst does not want students to worry but encourages caution.

Burdge agrees. He warns students to be aware of their surroundings, consume alcohol in moderation, and not to travel alone.

Yingst also wants students to know that someone from Public Safety is always available and that an escort service is available as well.

Public Safety can be reached at (717)-867-6111 or extension 6111 from a campus phone. Annville township police can be reached at (717)-867-2711.

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Features

Celebrating Black History Month

*How did LVC's events compare to other schools?***BRITTANY TOBIAS '11**
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Because February is Black History Month, LVC sponsored events during the week of Feb. 16 to honor African-Americans and educate students on issues that are still relevant today.

Monday kicked off the week-long celebration with African-American Appreciation Day, where students could stop by a table set up in Mund to learn about the legacy of Carter G. Woodson and wear a ribbon in celebration of African-Americans' achievements, past and present.

On Tuesday and Thursday, two workshops were held on "What is Racism?" and "Diversity and Ethics," while Wednesday was Trivia Day.

On Sunday the 22nd, James Felton, Director of the Multicultural Affairs, sponsored a trip to Manna Café, a soul food restaurant.

He explained that he is not solely responsible for planning these events, but that he deals more with



Courtesy of Google Images

CELEBRATING HEROES LVC students celebrated the legacies of such heroes as Carter G. Woodson (left), Rosa Parks (center), and Martin Luther King, Jr. (right).

LVC's multicultural student fellowship program as well as retaining students in the program.

"I felt that it was moderately successful, but with more time and resources, more could have been done," Felton said. He also said that with more student and academic support in the future, there will be more of a draw to the events.

Minorities, including African Americans, make up only eight percent of the student population on Lebanon Valley's campus.

Since it is such a small percentage, some students thought that more would be done to promote the month-long observance.

"I am surprised that the multicultural office did not do much to bring attention to Black History Month," said Kathleen Cunningham '11. "I also would have expected more student effort."

While LVC celebrated on the week of Feb. 16, students at Albright College in Reading planned a day where the campus would be

segregated. Water fountains were posted "Whites Only" and "Colored Only" and entrances into the campus dining hall were separated in a similar fashion to how establishments were in the south. Once inside, students were allowed to sit and eat with whomever they liked.

"There were two tables in the campus center," reported Ashley Frey, a sophomore at Albright. "One said 'whites only' and had a nice table cloth, crystal glasses, and fine china while the table that said

'colored only' had plastic silverware and paper plates and cups."

The event did spark some controversy and Gina-Lyn Crance, the Dean of Students sent out an e-mail to remind the students that the event was purely optional.

"It was a wow factor seeing them together—next to each other. [The event] really put how bad things were into perspective," Frey said.

At Albright, minority students make up about 16 percent of the population. Although it did upset some students, it got people involved and active. It also served as a first-hand realization of how the treatment of African Americans was handled in the early 20th century.

With the talk of renovating the Mund building in the future, Felton hopes for a space in which Heritage Day festivals can be held and be set up for a few days at a time. By bringing more student and academic involvement into the program, there is a greater chance to improve and expand on heritage celebration in the upcoming future.

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Diner diversifies restaurant business in Annville

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Good food, good prices, good business.

Annville welcomed its newest addition to the food service industry Monday, Feb. 16, when Sam Harbr opened the Annville Diner in the historic Batdorf Building along Route 422.

With several bars and pizza shops dominating the local cuisine, Harbr saw a unique opportunity to extend the benefit of choice to the community. Location and quality of product has been the primary concern for his venture so far.

"I think we can compete for the best food in the area," says Harbr. "We offer lots of daily and weekly specials [that cater] to our customers."

The restaurant seats about 80 people comfortably in a quaint at-

mosphere that dwarfs the typical diner environment. Guests are offered a variety of meal options that cover breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Harbr is flexible about offering such a variety of choices.

"We have to run the menu first and adjust [accordingly]," he says, smiling.

With advertisements in the *Merchandiser* and *Lebanon Daily News*, Harbr is doing a lot to promote his new business.

"We are doing the best we can, [but] not everyone can come here," he said.

One of the primary goals in opening the restaurant was to keep the renovation costs down as low as

possible. The building underwent no structural changes in an effort to preserve the historic element of the community and enhance the overall dining experience.

"People like the building," Harbr says. "We cleaned it up a little [but] kept the old style." Fortunately,



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OPEN FOR BUSINESS Annville Diner, located in the old Batdorf building, hopes to attract college students with good food and low prices

troubleshooting has been virtually non-existent at this point.

Additionally, hours of operation will be another selling point for the diner. Weekends operate on a 24-hour cycle while Sundays invite customers to dine from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. College students and local business employees are especially encouraged to utilize the Monday through Thursday schedule of 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Annville Diner currently does not accept the Dutchmen OneCard, but few issues have arisen so far as a result.

Justin Weaver '10, Business Administration, spoke on how it may influ-

ence his decision to try the new establishment.

"I will probably eat there eventually, regardless of their OneCard status," he says.

Other students have taken an active interest in the novelty of an expanded restaurant selection. Jared Fisher '09, Health Science, commented on the quality of his dining experience.

"The food was great and the prices were pretty reasonable," he says.

Only time will test the true success of the Annville Diner, but for now, it has generated a good buzz.

Harbr, however, remains grounded in his expectations for the project.

"We're trying not to [aim] too high [but] I like how it's going so far," he says.

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Arts & Entertainment

Pirate ship sails away from stage

Wig and Buckle production of classic operetta proves a hit with students and community

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"An operetta written in the late 1800's about lovers, pirates, and police."

Despite the old age of the show, audience members were not turned off from this year's Wig and Buckle winter musical, *Pirates of Penzance*. Although it was written over 100 years ago, *Pirates* proves to be a truly enjoyable and entertaining show.

Upon turning twenty-one, young Frederic (Ryan Cagno '11) has finished his indenture with the too-generous *Pirates of Penzance* and swears to live an honest life from here on out. It is discovered, however, that since he was born on a leap year, he has only had five birthdays, not twenty-one. Thus, he must decide whether to follow his duty with the pirates or work to abolish them by request from Major General Stanley (Nathan Campbell '10), the father of his love interest



PIRATICAL MOMENTS Left, Ryan Cagno '11 has his dutiful nature used against him while held at gunpoint. Right, several of the maiden daughters sing and swoon over the young pirate



Photos courtesy of Wig and Buckle

Mabel (Hannah Grube '12).

The play itself is very amusing, even though the jokes are over 100 years old. One entertaining part is Mabel's entrance in which she sings a long series of very high, operatic notes. It seems to be making fun of old musicals or operas, which tended to showcase the lead's vocal talents.

Unique characters such as the

timid police force and the soft-hearted pirates provide comedy for the show as well. While one flaw of *Pirates* is its lack of a strong storyline, this can be overlooked because of how character-driven the show really is. The entire first act is devoted to introducing the characters, but it works because the actors portray the characters so well.

Under the direction of Ben Long

'10, the production of the show is fantastic. The energy and expressions from each actor are superb. One memorable moment occurs in Act One when all the sisters hold expressions of horror on their faces for minutes. This is one of the many great stage pictures that make this show so visually appealing.

Considering that two of the leads are making their debut per-

formance on Leedy Stage, the level of vocal talent is astounding. With *Pirates* as an operetta, almost all of the show is sung, calling for immense talent from the leads—and they come through. Freshmen Grube and Eric Mansilla (Pirate King) hold their own on the stage, belting with ferocity.

With all of the operatic pieces, however, many songs lose their diction; there are a couple songs that, even after the seeing the show three times, one still cannot figure out exactly what it is that they are singing. Since almost all the show is sung, understanding the words is vital.

Despite the flaws, Wig and Buckle's production of *Pirates of Penzance* proved to be a timeless show, complete with humor, great characters, and amazing talent from the actors. Wig and Buckle's next production will be the play *Spring Awakening*, opening April 17.

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Regurgitating man amazes audience

Stevie Starr performs gastrointestinal tricks for students

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There are a lot of people who can solve a Rubik's Cube, but only one who can swallow it whole and then regurgitate it.

Stevie Starr, the "Regurgitator," performed his act on Friday, Feb. 20 in Lutz Hall at 9 p.m. Starr has traveled all over the world to show his skills, including the United States, Canada, Scandinavia, and Australia. He has also appeared on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno and Ripley's *Believe It or Not*.

The crowd gasped as Starr began the show by sucking a light bulb like a vacuum into his stomach and regurgitating it moments later.

After doing the same to a billiard 8-ball, he told the crowd, "Come shopping with me. You will not pay s***."

Starr kept the audience excited and walked around collecting people's rings. He swallowed a total of seven and regurgitated them one by one.

Later he swallowed a closed lock, key, and a ring, and managed to get the ring in the lock.

As if some of these items do not seem dangerous enough to swallow, Starr continued to amaze when he popped a small balloon inside his stomach by swallowing a nail.

He also sucked in seven tacks and a magnet. At the request of the audience, he brought up two tacks stuck to the magnet and the rest

separately.

Starr even ingested butane, released it, and, using a lighter, created fire.

Live gold fish were also part of his act. The finale included swallowing a fish, a film canister, its lid, and water. He brought the fish up inside the canister with the lid on it.

Starr insists he has been regurgitating things since he was just a little kid, starting with coins and bumble bees, and yet leaves people stumped as to how he does it.

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Performance by an actress in a supporting role:
Penélope Cruz (*Vicky Cristina Barcelona*)

Performance by an actor in a supporting role:
Heath Ledger (*The Dark Knight*)

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Q: I have been dating a guy now for about 5 weeks and we've been out to a lot of different places. He's a lot of fun to go out with, but I noticed that he never seems to have enough money for dinner. I never expected him to pay for me, but I think he should be able to afford his share. I really like him and don't know how to fix it. What can I do?

- No More Cheap Dates

Beth: Unfortunately, it sounds like he's in a situation all college students can relate to: he's low on cash, and maybe he's a little embarrassed. But he needs to speak up about it because that's not fair to you to always have to pay for two. Try suggesting something else to do that doesn't involve a lot of money or even any money at all. Rent a movie from the library or go to the sports center

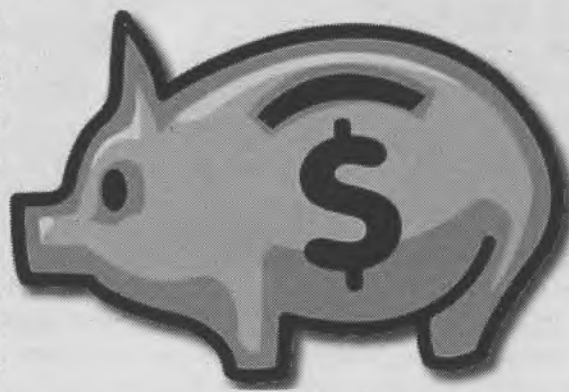
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and play tennis or basketball. If you do go out, try going places that are cheaper. LVC students get discounts at certain restaurants, and you can see a list of them on LVC's website. It's good that you don't expect him to pay for you, but he shouldn't be agreeing to go out so much if he can't afford it.

Jen: While it is true that many college students are broke, there may also be another issue. Be sure that this guy is not trying to take advantage of the fact that you don't mind going out, and with that, don't mind paying for him. For example, I was out

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with a guy a few times who never seemed to have enough to cover his bill or the tip, and after a



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while, and after paying for him a few times, this got old. He would oftentimes talk about not having a big paycheck, and then later on suggest going out for lunch or dinner, with me wondering how he's going to pay for himself if he

just told me he doesn't have a lot of spending money. Be careful this guy isn't a free-loader or expecting you to constantly pay for him. I agree that it is a good thing that you don't expect him to pay for you every time you go out; couples should be willing to split the bill instead of one always having to pay for the other. You shouldn't base your relationship off of finances, but at the same time, make sure he isn't basing the relationship off of how much you can finance

Take It or Leave It is an advice column with insight from seniors Beth Julian and Jen Fontanez. If you have a burning question regarding love, life, or anything else, feel free to submit them to us. Thanks for reading!

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Cheers!



and

Jeers



Cheers to the LVC women's basketball team who raised over \$3,000 to benefit the Lebanon chapter of the American Cancer Society on Wednesday night. The team was outfitted in pink jerseys, worn especially for the PinkZone game, which were later sold at a silent auction to help raise the funds for breast cancer research, treatment, and prevention. Donations by the 1,280 fans in attendance added to the success as well. The Women's Basketball Coaches of America started the PinkZone games in 2007 to help raise awareness for breast cancer, and more than 120 schools participated. This year, more than 1,500 schools will participate. Not only that, but LVC beat Arcadia 66-31. Well done and nicely played, ladies.

Jeers to the thieves who reportedly stole two Honda Civics out of the Red and Gold Lots, both last seen on Feb. 10. One was reported stolen on Friday, Feb. 13 and the other on Sunday, Feb. 15. As if students don't have enough to worry about with classes, midterms, internships, and research papers... now they will worry about leaving cars overnight in the parking lots where they should be. What are we supposed to do, bring them to class with us? Take them up to our dorms? And who should be to blame? Public Safety for not having enough patrol? Students for not being cautious enough? How about the jerks who did it? Here's hoping they get caught and soon. However, if this incident opens a few eyes to see what sort of security is really needed in our parking lots, that's something positive.

SPORTS

VALLEY TALLY

ICE HOCKEY

The team finished their season over the weekend, falling in consecutive games to Neumann College. The team ended their disappointing season winless, despite putting up good efforts and several close games on the season.

TRACK & FIELD

Zach Bleiler '11 and the women's distance medley relay squad both earned ECAC-qualifying marks at the Susquehanna Open on Saturday. The women's DMR team also impressed, as they set an LVC school record with their 2nd place finish, knocking 42 seconds off the two year old record. The Valley had 12 other competitors place in the top-10 in their respective events. With the overall success at the Susquehanna Open, the team heads into the MAC Indoor Championships this weekend, with several strong performers looking for medals.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

KYLE ENOCH BASKETBALL

In his final game in an LVC uniform, Enoch recorded 24 points in 38 minutes on the court to bring his overall career total to 1,188, the 17th highest in LVC history.



ANDREA HOOVER BASKETBALL

In Friday's 20-point win over Wilkes' University, the sophomore guard led the team in assists (9) and was second in points (14) and total rebounds (4) in a team leading 36 minutes on the court.



Play-off bound

Women's basketball takes on rival, Albright, tonight

SHERAE JONES '11

LA VIE SPORTS WRITER

Seven days before Saturday, Feb. 21, the women's basketball team dried tears of joy, as they bid farewell to seniors, Megan Bish '09 and Amie Bickert '09. Then, the two seniors played what they thought was their last home game at LVC.

Seven days later, the two seniors, along with the rest of the team, found out during a timeout at the men's basketball game that #1 Messiah had beaten #4 Widener. That not only secured the #2 seed in the Commonwealth Conference for LVC, but also earned the squad a home play-off game. This will be the team's first home playoff game in 7 years.

Today, the ladies will take on conference-rival Albright at the LVC Gymnasium with a chance to prolong their season and go to the conference championship game with a win.

Senior guard, Amie Bickert says, "It is not only exciting to play our biggest rival, but also exciting because we have a home playoff game," said Bick-

ert who, just like the rest of the team, does not want the season to end. Instead, the team is looking forward to the next round.

The squad's other senior guard, Megan Bish, is just as excited.

"I think it is a great opportunity that Amie and I have the honor of playing a home playoff game in our 4 years," said Bish.

When asked about preparation for the game, she simply replied, "We're just going to keep working hard in practice all this week as we have been all season. Post-season play is unpredictable; it just depends on who comes to play that day."

Fellow teammates, including Eryn Schultz '11, are looking forward to the game as well.

"I just want to win it for the seniors, they deserve it," says Schultz.

Beating Albright would move LVC to the Commonwealth Conference Championship Game against the winner of the upcoming game between Widener and Messiah. Both teams swept the season series against the Dutchmen this season.

The teams' shooting performances will be a key factor that will help predict the outcome of Wednesday's game.

To topple the Lions tonight, the Dutchmen will look to stop Bre Dillon who has led the Lions in both of the Valley's head-to-head meetings against Albright. Additionally, they will depend upon Suzie Noyes '11 and Bish among others to contribute with key rebounds.

LVC will also look for big games from Lidlow, Schultz, Bish and Noyes, who were the scoring leaders in the team's previous match-ups with the Lions.

The Valley will look to use the momentum from their dominant performance against Wilkes' University as they won by 20, 71-51. In the game, the Valley received strong efforts from Andrea Hoover '11 (14 points, 9 assists) and Schultz (16 points), both of whom should figure prominent in tonight's contest against the Lions of Albright.

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Scoreboard

Men's Basketball:

2/21 vs. Wilkes W, 76-70

Women's Basketball:

2/20 at Wilkes W, 71-51

Ice Hockey:

2/20 vs. Neumann L, 2-9

2/21 vs. Neumann L, 2-11

Indoor Track & Field:

2/21 Susquehanna Open

No team scoring was kept

Upcoming Games

Women's Basketball:

2/25 vs. Albright 7 p.m.

2/28 Conference Championship*

* applicable if LVC beats Albright on 2/25

Indoor Track & Field:

2/28 MAC Indoor Championship

For games and times in March, check GoDutchmen.com

Humphrey Dunks Dutchmen Past Colonels On Senior Day

RYAN ZVORSKY '09

CIRCULATION MANAGER

On Senior Day for Kyle Enoch '09, Eric Humphrey '09, and Dustin Kerns '09, they knew this would be their final game to put on the blue and white Lebanon Valley jerseys.

In the match-up against Wilkes University Saturday afternoon, the Dutchmen ended the 2008-09 campaign with a commanding 76-70 victory, finishing 12-13 overall and 4-8 in Commonwealth Conference play.

Enoch concluded his dazzling career in an LVC uniform, scoring a team-best 24 points on 9-of-19 shooting from the floor in his 38 minutes of action. Starting in his 99th consecutive start, Enoch sank 5-of-12 from beyond the arc. He ended his career with 1,188 points, good for 17th-best in program history.

"Basketball has always been a passion of mine. It was a great opportunity to play here at LVC," Enoch said. "It was great to go out with a win. I am going to miss Eric and Dustin as well as

the rest of the guys, but I will never forget the times I have spent with them."

Humphrey also shined in his final game, scoring 14 points on 6-of-8 shooting while recording six boards and two blocked shots. He saw 33 minutes of time on the hardwood.

Kerns, getting the start at guard, played 21 minutes, scoring six points while hitting 4-of-6 from the charity stripe.

Enoch wasted no time getting the Dutchmen on the board, hitting a short-range jumper just 31 seconds into the contest to put the Valley up early.

Wilkes took a six-point lead (16-10) eight minutes into the half after a trey from Tom Kresge, but LVC cut the lead to one two minutes later on a 7-2 spurt, culminated on a Zach Hoover '11 trey from the corner on a nifty pass from Matt Staub '10. The score stood at 18-17.

The play of the game occurred during the run, as Humphrey came flying down the lane and Staub fed him the ball. From there, Humphrey

extended and rocked the rim with a tremendous dunk to put the crowd at the LVC gymnasium on its feet.

Again, the Colonels took a six-point lead with 1:13 to go before the break, but the Dutchmen, led by Enoch, cut the lead to one at halftime (31-30) after he scored five points in the final four seconds.

He drained a three-pointer from the left wing off the feed from point guard Joe Meehan '12, then stole the ball off the inbound and put up a desperation jumper from 12 feet out and netted the bucket to give LVC momentum going into the final half.

Enoch started the second half right where he left off before halftime, draining a three-pointer just 12 seconds in to give Lebanon Valley a 33-31 lead.

LVC took a four-point advantage in the first four minutes of the half after Staub took a Steve Kline turnover and pushed the ball to Humphrey who dished it to Meehan for the short jump shot to make it 42-38.

Dan Dunkelberger '10 put his

team up six (46-40) after his fastbreak layup assisted by Enoch off the Meehan steal.

With 9:01 remaining in regulation, Enoch started his own 6-0 run with back-to-back threes to untie a 50-50 game.

The game stood at 56-50 with 8:15 to go and the Valley went up by 12 points on two different occasions, the final one icing the game as Meehan converted from downtown with 2:08 left (73-61).

Dunkelberger and Meehan finished with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Humphrey described Saturday and his career in a postgame interview.

"Saturday was definitely a very emotional day for me. Kyle, Dustin, and I have been through a lot the past four years and it was nice to go out on such a positive note," Humphrey said. "I really enjoyed my career here at LVC and I will continue to follow the team for years to come."

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SPORTS

Spring sports season on deck

A preview of the 2009 baseball and softball seasons

RYAN ZVORSKY '09
CIRCULATION MANAGER

Baseball looks to clear the bases and start anew in 2009

After a disappointing 2008 season, the Lebanon Valley College baseball team looks to rebound and return to the Commonwealth Conference playoffs once again in 2009.

The Dutchmen finished 11-25 and 1-11 in the conference, playing Widener for the fifth and final playoff spot on the last day of the season, falling 6-5.

The 2009 roster includes seven seniors, three juniors, six sophomores, and 11 freshmen for sixth-year Head Coach Keith Evans.

Three position players will be back in the lineup for Evans in seniors Joe Soupik and Bert Malloy in addition to junior Joe Kopchick. The Dutchmen's starting first baseman, Soupik, finished second on the team, batting .364 (32-for-88) and driving in 21 RBIs. In addition, he hit three homeruns. He led the team in many categories as well, including on-base percentage (.486) and walks (19).

Malloy, the team's starting right fielder, returns after starting in 33 games in 2008. Last season, he hit .256 in 117 at-bats, compiling 30 hits, 15 RBIs and a homerun.

Kopchick, LVC's starting center fielder, enters his third season after starting in 29 games a year ago. As the Dutchmen's five-hitter in 2008, Kopchick hit .245 in 98 at-bats, driving in 14 RBIs and carding 24 hits.

After a nagging injury last season, junior Grant Wiest looks to pick up where he left off as a freshman. Looking for playing time in left field in 2009, Wiest started there 11 times a year ago, batting .262 in 65 at-bats.

With the departure of Corey Lamoureux '08 due to graduation, senior Brandon Stoothoff looks to fill the position in 2009. Starting in five games in the outfield last season, Stoothoff hit one homerun, driving



HERE'S THE PITCH! Kristen Uhas '10 (far left), Joe Kopchick '10 (second from left), Val Malizzia '11 (third from left), and Joe Soupik '09 (far right) are all returning to help lead the Valley this spring. Uhas and Malizzia look to keep softball on top of the conference, while Kopchick and Soupik hope to help knock baseball back into contention after a disappointing 2008 campaign

in three RBIs.

In addition to Lamoureux, former starting second baseman John Mentzer '08 also will be sorely missed due to graduation. Looking to fill his shoes will be freshman Dylan Holland.

The other middle infield position will be up for grabs, with several players looking for playing time there, including freshmen Ryan Schwartz and Colt Zarilla and sophomores Shane Specht, Brent Ruminski and Nate Blough.

Ruminski started at shortstop three times in 2008 while playing second base six times. He hit .303 in 17 games with 10 hits and nine runs scored. Blough started at third base three times last season.

The catcher's position will be occupied by freshman Dustin Adam, who looks to step in and make an immediate impact.

The pitching rotation will seek to

rebound as it brings back its ace in senior Nick Faria.

Last season, Faria finished with a 3-3 record in 10 appearances, fanning 19 batters in 36.2 innings pitched.

Specht, who tossed 36.1 innings in 14 appearances, will return to the hill after posting a 1-4 record with a 5.94 ERA.

Sophomore Jake Becker, one of the team's relievers, carded a 1-1 mark in 2008, striking out 16 batters while recording a 5.64 ERA.

Blough will be another arm used after leading the team last year with 34 strikeouts.

Softball seeks to clear the fences again in the new season

After winning their first Commonwealth Conference championship for the first time in program history, the

Lebanon Valley College softball team looks to repeat in 2009. Eleventh-year Head Coach Stacey Hollinger, who was named Commonwealth Conference Coach of the Year for the third time in eight seasons, brings back an experienced core group of players who made their first run to the NCAA tournament a year ago.

After posting their fourth consecutive winning season, Hollinger's squad will be led by lone senior Katie DeJulio. As the Dutchmen's starting left fielder in 2008, she batted a second-best .381 at the plate last season while having a .434 on-base percentage. While posting a .598 slugging percentage, DeJulio hit five home runs.

Also adding offensive firepower to the lineup will be junior Kristen Uhas, LVC's three hitter. Uhas, who played well on both offense and defense, picked up right where she left off as a freshman.

While leading the conference with a scorching .436 batting average, she led the team in many categories, including 117 at-bats, 51 hits, 34 RBIs, 10 doubles, 67 total bases, and 37 games started at first base. While at the corner, Uhas made 205 putouts while carding a .991 fielding percentage.

On the other side of the infield will be junior third baseman Ailee Davies. Another weapon in the lineup, she batted .337 a year ago, depositing two home runs.

On the mound, Hollinger brings back the 1-2 punch from a year ago in sophomores Laura Snyder and Val Malizzia. Snyder, the Commonwealth Conference Player of the Year, led the conference in opponents' batting average (.183) and wins with 14 while tossing 14 complete games.

Malizzia also shined, leading the conference in earned run average (1.24) while only allowing 18 earned runs in 18 appearances. She tossed 11 complete games. Between the two starters, Snyder and Malizzia combined to go 25-7 in 208 innings pitched with 271 strikeouts.

After losing starting second baseman Lauren Sanford '08 and catcher Jess Salisbury '08 to graduation, many players look to step in and see significant time at both positions.

As a backup a season ago to Salisbury, junior Caitlin Keller will be the starter for Hollinger in 2009. While starting in 17 games last year behind the plate, Keller batted a .268 with two home runs and eight RBIs. She compiled 123 putouts while throwing out two runners. Keller also started 11 games as the designated hitter. Freshman Chelsea Detwiler will be the backup.

Replacing Sanford will be tough, but sophomore Linley Eberhart will be the starter with sophomore Megan Donoghue and freshman Kerri Dattres competing for playing time there and at the shortstop position.

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Under Pressure?

LVC students find ways to tackle the stresses of college life

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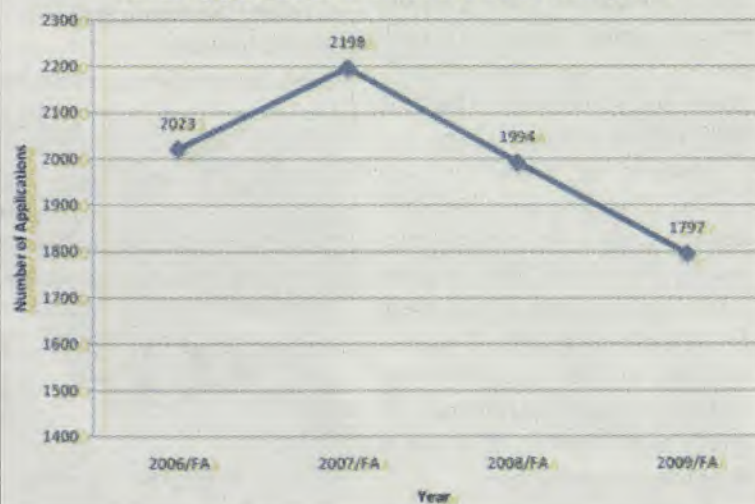
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Weathering the storm



Ben Waltz '11 / LA VIE

Total Applications Received as of March 12



Alyssa Bender '11 / LA VIE

COLLEGE CRISIS Lebanon Valley College feels the crunch from the economy. However, as applications decline and hiring comes to partial freeze, the LVC administration is still confident in its ability to survive the financial crisis and meet student needs. Though the college is not actively launching new job searches, many other institutions are pursuing similar policies, and to date LVC has not experienced any layoffs. In addition, the Career Services office offers help to the spouses of current LVC employees who have lost their jobs due to the economic crisis

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During his Thursday, Feb. 19, meeting with the college community, Lebanon Valley College President Stephen C. MacDonald assured those who attended that the college is weathering the economic storm.

Human Resources

According to Ann Hayes, Director of Human Resources, LVC is in a "partial freeze" on hiring. During a December 2008 impact survey done by *Moody's/Chronicle's*, 214 colleges and universities were asked about their staffing during the economic downfall. Forty-three percent of the institutions said they were under the

partial freeze group. At five percent of the institutions surveyed, there will be a total hiring freeze, with the remaining 52 percent of institutions declaring no hiring freeze. Basically, as of January 2009, LVC will not launch a job search unless there is a compelling reason to fill a position for the 2009-10 academic year due to retirements and resignations.

The institutions also reported employee layoffs, with 11 percent saying they already had layoffs. Another 26 percent are considering layoffs and 63 percent are not considering layoffs at all. LVC employees were told by MacDonald that the college will not be laying off workers.

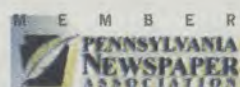
At the administrative and staff level, no positions have been suspended, but the partial freeze category will be in place. Fifty-eight percent of the institutions reported a partial freeze, with an additional 34 percent at a no-free mandate. Seven percent are under a total freeze.

Hayes says that many positions need to be filled in the coming weeks. Included are the director of the art gallery, director of business services process, the assistant dean for student success and academic advising, financial aid assistant, German professor, and a Spanish professor. A controller and a new vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty have been hired.

Admissions

With the current economic state, will students continue to apply to Lebanon Valley College?

"It's a little difficult to say because we're in the heat of our season. Students are applying, getting accepted, and getting financial aid



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packages before the May 1 decision deadline. Our numbers are a little behind, yet it is too early to tell," Director of Admissions Sue Jones says. "We're still a little bit away from knowing."

Jones says that the College is working to let prospective students "know the value of an LVC education."

"We are here for them," Jones says.

One of the measures includes the recent addition of an online scholarship calculator on LVC's web site. It allows prospective students to find out information and determine the scholarships they are eligible for.

"[The calculator] is so families won't be scared off by tuition price," Jones says.

Currently, there are no plans to either reduce enrollment or the amount of scholarships awarded to students.

"We're not doing anything differently. Right at this moment our applications are down slightly, but the acceptance rate is about the same," Jones says. "We do not anticipate lowering our admission standards. We are focused on increasing the number of prospects and ultimately more applicants. We've begun several initiatives to cultivate prospects and applicants, but lowering standards is not one of them."

According to the *Patriot-News* in

a March 1 article, the applications for enrollment are about 10 percent lower than a year ago at LVC.

Financial Aid

Tuition costs have increased over the past several years at LVC.

In fact, since 2005, tuition has gone from \$24,210 to the current

Brown, Vice President of Admissions," Jones says. "He took phone calls and talked with families. Some just called to say thank you. There has been a good response, but not a crazy response."

The *Patriot-News* on March 1 also reported that Brown and LVC were able to come up with \$30,000 in last-ditch financial aid for fami-

lies who were facing tough economic setbacks, such as lost jobs. Without this, five to 10 students would have left the college. In addition, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) reconsidered students' accounts and additional money was available through federal grants.

Feigert also

spoke about state grants and how they may be less in value than in years past.

"The amount of the PHEAA state grant is determined by the governor's budget, which is not yet final. Unfortunately, due to the economy and the Pennsylvania budget crisis, we do not anticipate an increase from this year's current award of \$4,120."

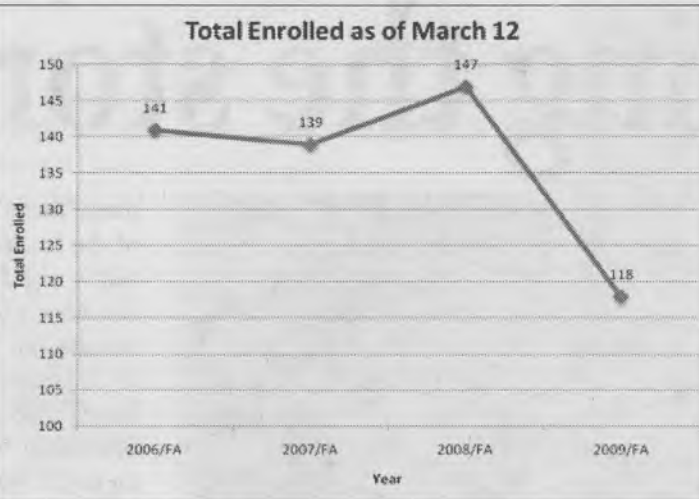
Overall, LVC has not seen a huge drop in the amount of aid it provides for its students. Last year, \$18.5 million was given to students via LVC grants and scholarships. This year, \$19.7 million of aid was given.

However, the tuition costs and number of students who have withdrawn actually have an inverse relationship. Between fall 2006 and spring 2007, 54 students withdrew. Between fall 2007 and spring 2008, 43 students withdrew. And this year, 27 students withdrew. Students are realizing a degree is more important than ever in these tough economic times.

As tuition costs rise, President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package should help college students. The \$789 billion bill, which was passed Tuesday, Feb. 17, plans to pump \$13.93 billion into student financial assistance and aid, as well as \$50 million into higher education.

"President MacDonald sent out a letter and directed families [in difficult situations] to contact William

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\$29,350 per year. But, the good news is students at LVC will still receive funds from the unique and well-known Presidential Scholarship program.

For example, half-off tuition is awarded for Vickroy Scholarship candidates, one-third off tuition for Leadership Award candidates, and one-quarter off tuition for Achievement Award candidates. In addition, LVC is doing its best to provide those families that are struggling to pay their tuition bills with options.

Over the holiday season, MacDonald urged families struggling financially to look into a considerate

payment plan offer. So far, 42 families have taken advantage, Kendra Feigert, Director of Financial Aid, says.

Jones spoke about MacDonald's message to struggling parents.

"President MacDonald sent out a letter and directed families [in difficult situations] to contact William

CAMPUS
CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

2-19-09 | Marquette Hall

Theft

A student reported her mail was tampered with and a ring taken from the envelope

2-23-09 | Red Lot East

Hit and run accident

Minor damage was done to a vehicle when it was struck in the parking lot. Driver left the scene; a license plate number was given to Public Safety Office and Annville Township Police Department. The driver was contacted and will be taking care of the damage to the vehicle that was struck

2-25-09 | Neidig-Garber Science Center

Medical Assist

Public Safety assisted with transporting a student who passed out in the hallway of Neidig-Garber Science Center to the Penn State Hershey Medical Center

3-03-09 | Humanities Building

Suspicious person

Public Safety was called concerning a suspicious person. Public Safety Officer responded and identified the individual who was asking questions concerning "booths" for display and events

3-11-09 | Mund College Center

Theft

Someone stole the batteries from the AED in the lobby of the Mund College Center. Anyone with any information please contact the Public Safety Office at x6211

3-15-09 | Derickson Hall "B"

Alcohol violation

Public Safety Officers and Student Affairs staff are investigating a party at Derickson Hall "B" early Sunday morning

3-15-09 | Off campus

Alcohol violation

Public Safety Officers assisted Annville Township Police with an incident behind Bishop Library involving a non-student

SGA Update

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which hopes to perform music in the community.

Student Government members will be touring Stanson in the coming month. Stanson Hall is on track to be complete in July.

Upcoming Events: Relay for Life March 27, Student Government elections April 1, 2, and 3, LVC LIVE April 4, Softball Tournament April 27.

At its meeting this week, the SGA said it would look into concerns about the water quality on campus. Yellow water samples were brought to their attention.

At its March 9 meeting, the SGA approved The Sacred Wind Choir (SWC) for probationary club status in this week's meeting. The group is a small wind ensemble

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A MAJOR SHOCKER



Ben Waltz '11 / LA VIE

THEFT On March 11th, Public Safety received a report that the battery replacement light was glowing on the AED resuscitation device in the Mund Student Center. Public Safety found the ten Duracell 123 batteries missing with no apparent tampering or damage to the unit or wall casing. "This is a serious issue. We hope everyone will treat this as one as well," said Public Safety Director Al Yingst. The batteries stolen can only be used in AED devices. Replacement batteries were ordered and replaced for the AED as well as the alarm that sounds when the casing is opened

NEWS

Class project hits the web

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With many print publications going digital, *La Vie Collegienne* is exploring the possibilities of an online edition through *The Daily Dutchman*, a blog created by Professor Robert Vucic's Editing class. The site contains articles in the print edition of the newspaper, as well as additional features. Though still in its early stages of development, the site will eventually provide links to resources related to the articles and multimedia capabilities such as pic-

tures, video, and audio.

Part of *The Daily Dutchman's* goal is to gauge student interest in an interactive online publication, and so each article features fields where readers can post comments.

"We also would like to try and add a community calendar to the site that will have important dates and events that are taking place on the LVC campus as well as an archive section for old print newspapers" Said Brittany Tobias '11, one of the main students involved in the project's creation. The site has the

capacity to run online polls, as well.

Though not yet finished, anyone with internet access can go to the site (<http://dailydutchmenbeta.wordpress.com>) and view it as the project comes together. According to Tobias, the first full online edition should be up and running on April 1st. *The Daily Dutchman* is also looking for students in the Digital Communications and English departments, or anyone just interested in helping out with the project.

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Screening offers help for students

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The week of Feb. 22 was National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, counseling services at Lebanon Valley College sponsored a screening day for eating disorders.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), anorexia nervosa is an eating disorder characterized by starvation and bulimia nervosa is characterized by bingeing and self-induced purging. The NEDA classifies eating disorders as serious and potentially fatal. In fact, according to Screening for Mental Health Inc. (SMH), the mortality rate for eating disorders is higher than any other mental illness.

Kathleen Gallagher, Director of Counseling Services at LVC, was pleased with the depression screening day held last semester and hoped to reach out to more people with another for eating disorders.

"The event was not only a way to help people become more aware, but also to identify those who are having issues with eating so we can reach out

and help them," Gallagher said.

Students who attended the event had the opportunity to fill out a screening that focused on possible symptoms of eating disorders, such as preoccupation with food and calories, fear of gaining weight, and heavy self-criticism. If the screening indicated a potential problem, students had the opportunity to talk with someone from counseling services.

However, Gallagher said certain answers to the screening do not automatically indicate an eating disorder. The focus is on frequency, intensity, and duration of symptoms and habits, Gallagher said. Almost everyone is preoccupied with weight and food at some time, but, like depression, it is how it interferes with one's life that is cause for concern.

The event also focused on loving yourself. Gallagher said that women in particular are under intense media pressure to look a certain way.

"We buy into this myth that's in all the magazines that we are supposed to look this way and that this is the perceived beauty," Gallagher said.

At the event, students got to see just how manipulated and photo-shopped these images are in a before and after image. Often what we see in magazines has been drastically changed. Facial blemishes are removed, necks are elongated, waists are narrowed, and breasts are enhanced. According to SMH, this "ideal" body type is only possessed naturally by five percent of women.

Although eating disorders primarily affect women, it is possible for men to suffer from them as well. According to SMH, 10 to 15 percent of those with eating disorders are males. On Tuesday, the majority of students who showed up were

women, Gallagher said. However, all were welcome and some men showed up as well, she said.

All who showed up had a variety of things to do. Not only did counseling services provide the screening and someone to consult with, but Dining Services provided healthy snacks, the Arnold Sports Center showed videos from their body flow class, and staff members were there to give students information on healthy exercise. Health Services also was there to provide information about health and nutrition.

Like depression, Gallagher said talking about eating disorders can be very difficult. Shame and embarrassment can prevent people from seeking help, Gallagher said. Raising awareness and providing a safe outlet for students to seek help and information is one way LVC can give back.

Last semester for the depression screening, about 12 screenings were filled out and about 25 people stopped by for information on depression. Gallagher said about the same number of people filled out eating disorder screenings on Tuesday but that many more people asked for information this time.

"LVC cares about its students," Gallagher said. She encourages students to take advantage of these opportunities presented by counseling services, as well as to utilize the free counseling center if necessary or desired.

If you missed the depression or eating disorder screening day, do not worry. LVC hopes to hold these events every year, Gallagher said. In addition, a screening day for alcohol abuse is scheduled for April 8.

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"I Discovered"

Essay contest allows students to express their experiences studying abroad

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While many students choose to study abroad at some point during their academic career at LVC, not all of the students take the opportunity to write about their experiences abroad and share them with others.

Three students were recently selected as winners for the Study Abroad Office's "I Discovered" essay contest. The award recipients were first place winner Sarah Rish, second place Amanda Myers, and third place Michelle Dusel. The first place winner received \$50 and the second and third place winners received \$25, respectively.

Sarah Rish, who visited Salamanca, Spain in the fall of 2008, recounts a rather amusing predicament she and a few of her companions experienced. A facetious mistake involving their error in reading military time cost them to miss their train to Madrid from Lisbon, Portugal. The essay tells of how she dealt with this experience and how it, along with studying abroad in general, made her a stronger person.

"I feel that by reading my essay, other people will become more aware of the positive aspects of studying abroad, such as growing as a person, taking on responsibility, and of course, making great friends and memories," Rish says.

Amanda Myers, who studied in London in the fall of 2008, describes how she went from being afraid of getting lost to traveling all over England alone.

"The most memorable moments for me were simply walking the streets of London feeling as if I belonged there," says Myers. She writes that many of her great experiences came when she was lost trying to find her way around.

"It has given me a broader perspective on America by allow-

ing me to see it as the rest of the world does. I am more critical of America now than I was before, but I also appreciate some aspects of American life much more after studying abroad."

Michelle Dusel went to Italy in the spring of 2008 and talks about how she found it astonishing that a person could share a relationship with someone when they couldn't even carry on a fluent conversation.

"I used to be frustrated that people in the United States would speak only Spanish and not English, but my time abroad taught me that tolerance is the key. The physical therapists and doctors at the hospital where I spent my time were unbelievably welcoming and helpful, despite our obvious language barrier," Dusel says. Dusel, a physical therapy major, fulfilled the internship without earning credits.

"I have always had an infatuation with Italy ever since I saw *Under the Tuscan Sun*," Dusel admits. "The close family ties and the idea of a cozy town in the heart of Umbria was something that I couldn't resist."

"In casual conversations, I've heard countless LVC students describe how study abroad has altered their perceptions of themselves, the world, different cultures, and their relationships both at home and abroad," says Marie Bongiovanni, professor of English and the study abroad faculty advisor. "It was exciting to see how those who entered the contest, not only winners but others as well, had created narratives about their own transformative experiences. As we read the essays, Jill Russell [Director of Study Abroad] and I enjoyed engaging descriptions of different places complemented by striking self-reflection and vivid accounts of changes within the writers themselves."

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Features

Facebook group eases roommate search

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Looking for a roommate?

Residential Life is hoping to make the housing selection process easier for students by using a medium that students know well: Facebook.

On Feb. 19, Jason Kuntz, Director of Residential Life, sent an email to all students informing them about a new Facebook group created to assist students in finding roommates.

According to Kuntz, before the creation of the group, students who were looking for a roommate would go to the Student Affairs office and fill out a form about themselves to put in a binder. They could then look through the binder to see other students who were looking for a roommate.

"[This process] was very time-consuming for the students," says Kuntz. "They would have to keep coming back to the office to see if any new forms had been complet-

CATERING TO CAMPUS Student Affairs hopes to ease the roommate search process by using the social networking site Facebook. Students can look for a roommate through the group "In Need of a Roommate?"

ed." Kuntz states that the binder was somewhat successful, but it "typically only had about 20 students in it."

One month after its creation, the Facebook group called "In Need of a Roommate?" has 62 members. Eighteen students have left messages on the wall.

"The idea was to make room-

mate searching more convenient for students," Kuntz says. "This way students can talk with each other almost instantaneously and see bios on each other to assist in their decision making process."

Students are using the wall of the group to state what they are looking for and provide ways to contact them, either through Face-

book or providing their LVC email address. Some students are looking for a future roommate in a particular bracket, while others only need a roommate for a certain semester.

Jenna McNamee '11 joined the group to find a roommate for next year but hasn't been successful yet.

"I think the group could be a good idea, but from what I see,

people are just posting comments on the wall and no one is actually emailing each other," she states. "Maybe when the room selection date is a bit closer, people will realize it's crunch time and [will] make an effort to contact someone else in the group."

Kuntz and Residential Life recognize the advantages of Facebook.

"A vast majority of LVC students are already on Facebook, so we wanted to take advantage of the technology," he explains. "The point is to connect students who have no one to live with as well as assist a group of three students in finding their fourth roommate or a group of four students in finding their fifth roommate."

Time for finding a roommate for next year is winding down.

If you're still looking, you can find the housing group by typing "In Need of a Roommate?" into the search bar on Facebook.

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Students at LVC know how to keep busy

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Classes and extracurricular activities at Lebanon Valley College can be demanding on students. So how does someone handle both?

Steve Wisner '09 says he is involved in extracurricular activities because he enjoys them. Wisner is the producer for Wig and Buckle, helps with WLVC, was in marching band, and is the sports editor of La Vie Collegienne. He also works as the head tech for Media Services.

He does not think his extracurricular activities interfere with his schoolwork.

"I actually think I do better when I'm busy," he says. He adds that his work for La Vie could be beneficial to his possible future career as a journalist.

"I think I'm someone who handles stress pretty well," he says, adding, "I'm really good at working under

pressure." However, he is not doing concert band this semester to limit some stress, he says.

When it comes to sleep, "the likelihood of me getting eight hours a week night is slim," he says. Wisner has gotten used to staying up late, so even if he does not have school work to do, he does not want to go to sleep early. However, it's "enough sleep for me," he says.

The sentiment is echoed by Marisa Krause '11. A mathematics education major, Krause is also a member of the softball team.

She has to balance work, friends, softball, and schoolwork, she says.

"I wouldn't say that I'm stressed out," she says, however.

According to Krause, the softball team is academically focused and provides support for one an-

other academically.

"Three-quarters of the team are in education or some sort of science," Krause says, admitting to their rigorous academic schedules. The coaches do not have to remind the team to do their schoolwork, she says.

She says that she often does homework on the softball team bus, although much of her homework is on the computer and her "computer battery only lasts so long."

Like Wisner, she says extracurricular activities can actually help her academically. "During the season, I'm definitely more focused on my work," she says, because she has to schedule her time.

Although busy, there are several

reasons Krause continues to play softball.

"Obviously, I love playing softball, which helps," she says. She also gets along with the girls on the team and enjoys keeping in shape.

Juliana Wolfe, Director of the College Health Center and Head College Nurse, says that how many activities it is healthy for a student to be involved in is different for everyone.

"If it's stressing them out, if it's causing them frustration, then they're probably doing too much," she says. "But some people thrive on that."

She says that sleep needs differ for each student, although young-

er people tend to require larger amounts of sleep. However, someone who feels that they are too stressed or is not getting enough sleep may want to consider cutting back on activities. If there is nothing they can eliminate from their schedule, she says, they might want to prioritize to determine where they should spend the most energy.

Lack of sleep can lead to illness and depression, Wolfe says.

However, as long as students eat well and get sleep, "then they should be in good condition to do more."

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Arts & Entertainment

Will YOU watch the watchmen?

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Watchmen, based on one of the most praised graphic novels ever written, blazes to the big screen in a hurricane of anticipation. Although the movie packs quite a punch, there are equal amounts of disappointment.

The film was riddled with conflict from the start and as a result, it was almost ten years in the making. Numerous rewrites, vicious legal battles over rights to the film, change of directors, and insecurities about how to film a film that had been deemed not filmable were all major setbacks.

The graphic novel, however, is hailed as a masterpiece. In a career-defining move, Zach Snyder, the director of *300*, was brave enough and possibly dumb enough to undergo the task of breathing life into the eclectic cast of retired super heroes know as the Watchmen.

Snyder worked with a \$120 million budget.

Watchmen tells the story of a group of retired super heroes who are struggling to find themselves and coexist with society—until one of them is murdered. After finding The Comedian dead, Rorschach sets out to find the other Watchmen with a message of re-assembling and asks them to call upon their alter egos once again.

The film takes place in an alter-



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WATCHING THE WATCHMEN The highly praised graphic novel finally reaches the silver screen, though not without problems for the band of retired superheroes

nate 1985 America where Nixon is president and the Watchmen are considered outlaws. The Soviet Union is threatening nuclear holocaust, and it's up to the watchmen to avert the situation. Will the Watchmen be able to prevent WWII while on the quest for the murderous man picking off masked heroes?

What Snyder is able to create is an orgy of visual delight; there is so much eye-candy it's near impossible to catch everything upon first viewing. The film is shot beautifully and audiences will be awestruck when

they consider how much time and energy was allotted to capturing that arresting look.

Unfortunately, the characterization and the plot of the film were second rate, while the film's artistry and tribute to film noir took center stage. This lack of proper organization continued to be the film's greatest flaw.

The film is not shy with respect to issues of physical abuse, rape, and gratuitous violence. Two scenes strike me as excessive: first, when The Comedian beats a woman to a pulp with the intent to rape

her, and another scene when a man has his arms cut off with an electric saw—both were not tasteful.

Clocking in at a runtime of 161 minutes, the film feels like a three hour movie. A lot of the scenes are dialog-driven in the first part of the movie, but patient audiences will be rewarded with thrilling fight sequences and Laurie Jupiter rocking her birthday suit...more than worth the wait for some.

The film's soundtrack was awesome, but the songs were out of place in almost every scene. Serious pinnacle scenes through the

film were plagued by the addition of sappy rock tunes and ballads. It took cheesy to a whole new level.

Audiences unaware of the graphic novel may feel bloated by all the time dedicated to establishing the back story of each of the featured superheroes. The film stays true to the source material, almost mirroring the content and the dialog from the graphic novel page for page.

Many of the theatrical posters for the film read: "Who watches the Watchmen?" After opening at a measly \$55 million, I'd suffice to say that the answer is critics and fan boys only.

While the credits are rolling, the film leaves you with the question of whether *The Watchmen* are masked hero vigilantes with the mission of protecting humanity or if they are unethical troublemakers disguised as heroes. You decide.

Despite Snyder's efforts to make a movie that will be remembered among the best ever made, the resulting product is nothing more than an average movie beefed up with visual inspiration for copycat films. Fan boys will love this film, but everybody else after hearing the word of mouth will be waiting for the DVD or the Blu-ray.

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Multicultural Affairs opens eyes through dining experience

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While Taco Bell and Chinese food may offer students what they think is ethnic cuisine, they are not getting a real cultural experience when it comes to dining. The Office of Multicultural Affairs offers a unique experience to Lebanon Valley College students with the Dine Out Program.

The Dine Out program is an opportunity for students to experience the culture and food of different groups. In observance of Black History Month, this semester's dinner was at the Manna Café in Harrisburg. Manna Café introduces students to the real

meaning of Soul Food, with the history behind the food, cooking, and culture that brings it together into one experience.

Jimmy Kroll, a sophomore student, was one of the students who took advantage of the opportunity.

"I felt really immersed into the African-American culture," says Kroll. "I really loved it with everything, the food, the people, and the gospel music."

Soul Food goes back to slavery, when the slaves were given parts of meats and other food products that their owners would not use or the leftovers. Another important part of the soul food was that it provided energy for the slaves when they were working out in the fields. Even after the end of

slavery, students were able to see how these cultural dishes continued afterwards. Some of the foods the students ate were fried chicken, roasted chicken, corn bread, "chitlins," potato salad, and collard greens.

Kroll enjoyed all the different foods and the ambiance the restaurant provided.

"They had this corn casserole that was so good. I thought it was amazing! There were seven TVs with BET on mute and there was gospel music in the background."

Students who go to the event are able to simply just sign up on Redbook. With the different events, there is reservation space for up to thirty students. The

meal is paid for through OMA.

The Dine-Out program usually features two or three different ethnic experiences available to students, and there is a potential for the next outing to be at El Rodeo to give students a taste of true Mexican cuisine and hopefully an authentic Indian restaurant.

Kroll sees the program being a great learning tool for students.

"I think it's a really good experience and a great way to learn about a culture through their school," he says. "It's very helpful."

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What do you think about President Obama and the start of his term?

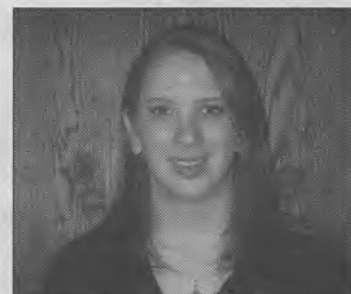
After being in office for about 3 months, President Obama has been the center of praise and controversy regarding his policies. Students here at LVC have been asked what they think about him and the beginning of his term in office.



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"From what I've seen, I think he's done pretty well, hiring well qualified people, taking care of many critical issues, including the economy."

"I am happy that the people in Guantanamo Bay are no longer called Enemy Combatants."

"I don't know what the recent developments are, but I can tell you people in my family are not happy about some of the policies."

"I have not really been paying much attention recently."

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TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

Q: My girlfriend and I go to separate colleges, but we live somewhat close to each other. I've been offered an opportunity to spend the summer working at a youth camp as a counselor, but that means I won't be home for the summer. My girlfriend told me she doesn't care if I take the job, but I've noticed that ever since I told her, she's been really distant. I know she counts on the summer for us to spend time together, but I really don't want to turn down this opportunity. What do I do?

- *Sad About Summer*

Jen: It's always really difficult when it feels like you have to choose either your girlfriend or something with your career.

First of all, as much as you love your girlfriend, if this is a position that can really help you in the future, or something that you really wanted, she should realize this and take it into consideration. She's probably

feeling very worried that without spending the summer together, she might lose you. I would recommend talking to her and figuring out what the real issue is; she may have some insecurities in regards to the strength of your relationship or trust issues.

If the camp isn't too far away, maybe there is a way she can visit you during your days off or some other events at work. Maybe there is even a way for her to work with you too or somewhere nearby.

Unfortunately, if she tries to make you pick between the job and her, that is not exactly fair either, and it sounds like she is doing just that under the radar. But, you really have to get your priorities in line and in the end, already decide which of the two is more important to you and if you really did have to pick one, which one you are willing to give up.

Beth: In all honesty, if there's one thing I learned from my expe-

riences and others, do not give up beneficial opportunities because of a relationship. The whole point of a relationship is to build upon each other, not inhibit one another.

It might sound harsh, but she will adjust. All good relationships function on all levels, regardless of distance. But if it makes you feel better, sit down and have a serious conversation with her. Try to strike a compromise where you'll be home certain weekends, and she'll feel better knowing that there is something planned, a countdown to when she will see you next.

No matter what, she should support your decision, even though it's sad for her to be away from you. But like I tell myself all the time, this too shall pass.

Things won't be this way forever, and make sure she knows that. One bump in the road shouldn't

sway a relationship, as long as you're both dedicated enough to make it work.

Like Jen said, odds are, she's worried about losing you, that if you guys don't constantly see each other, feelings will change. But this is a common fear. Just make sure that when (if) you start this job, carve out some time to talk to your girlfriend and make her feel included in this new adventure in your life.

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SPORTS

Set to serve

Men's tennis look to match women's success from fall

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Typically spring break in Hilton Head, SC is sunny, warm, and filled with lots of great tennis.

Well, there was a lot of great tennis, the weather, however, was not as pleasant as it could have been.

The first day we arrived, both the women's and men's match was postponed due to rain and possible tornado and hail warnings. The rest of the week there was no rain, but the weather was unusually cold. It wasn't until Thursday that it was in the 60's and 70's again.

But back to the great tennis. The

guys had four matches while the girls had three. The girls went 2-1 overall; the one match they lost to Augustana was a close 5-4 match. The guys went 1-3 overall, with their win coming against Catholic University. The guys also had a lot of really close matches.

The girls beat St. Vincent 6-3 with wins coming from Sammy Burkey, Morgan Brady, Tamera Lobb, and myself, as well as a few doubles victories with Shayna Henitzelman. The girls also beat Catholic University in a tough battle on the hottest day we were there.

The guys had their first regular

season match of the spring against Neumann College on Friday and lost 6-3. The men's team is now 1-5 on the season.

The victories on Friday came from the 3-5 singles spots. Jared Zeigler won at number 3, 6-4 6-4, Brad Sweigart won a three set match 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 at number 4, and Jon Gingrich won a tough 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 (8-5) match.

It will be an interesting season for the Dutchmen tennis team. They haven't played any conference matches but see many changes from last year in other teams' rosters. Because the team was so young last year, they only lost one

senior player. The team is hoping to strengthen and shape the talent that is already on the team and win a few conference matches.

"I think boys tennis is looking very strong from top to bottom this year. They work hard and have a great coaching staff of Cliff Myers, Joy Graeff, and Dr. Dave Remsburg," says sophomore number two player, Tom Neckelmann.

The guys play today at Marywood University, and their first home match is April 1 against Arcadia University.

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BASEBALL: Offense steps to the plate

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hit the Chargers 21-2 en route to the Dutchmen's 15-0 victory.

Jake Becker '11 got the start for LVC in the second game and went four innings, surrendering only one hit and one walk, striking out six. Following Becker out of the pen was Ian Younker '12, Peter Moro '11, and Robert Kinsman '12, all of whom tossed a scoreless frame in the winning effort.

At the plate, left-fielder Grant West '10 raked out of the lead-off spot going 5-for-6, scoring three runs and driving in two runs.

The Valley took control of the game early, putting up seven runs in the first frame and never looking back. The Valley knocked seven ex-

tra base-hits in the game and despite scoring 15 on the game, left 14 men stranded on the base paths.

"There wasn't a different approach," says Malloy, speaking of the quick turnaround for the team after their loss to Frostburg. "We just played with confidence; we played hard and we didn't hit the ball right at people. That made a huge difference."

Malloy and the rest of the team are confident that they have what it takes to impress this season.

"I want to prove ourselves to the rest of the conference, especially after the disappointment last year," says Malloy.

On Monday, the team fell once more in a close 8-5 game. Starting pitcher Shane Specht '11 went five in-

nings, allowing five earned runs and was relieved by Nate Blough '11, who completed the game giving up only one run, three hits, and no walks in three innings of action.

The Dutchmen found themselves down 8-0 after six innings before roaring back in the seventh with a five run inning, punctuated by a big RBI double off the bat of Joe Soupik '09 for the fifth and final run.

Unfortunately, after the seventh, the back of the Bulldog's bullpen was solid as Travis Hughes and Joe Walsh came in to stop the bleeding and secure the win. Hughes came on with one on and nobody out in the seventh and retired the Dutchmen, holding the lead for Walsh to come in and pick up the save in the ninth.

LVC rebounded yesterday with an important 14-8 victory over King's College.

The Dutchmen dominated in the middle innings; after falling behind 3-2, they knocked in 12 runs between the fifth and seventh innings.

Nick Faria '09 pitched 6.2 innings, giving up seven runs (two earned) in the effort, and Soupik delivered with four RBIs.

A slew of freshman also played important roles as Dustin Deibert '12 and Colt Zarilla '12 both knocked in three runs while Aaron Mills '12 knocked a home run and notched two RBIs.

The Dutchmen (7-8) will get a chance to prove more on Thursday as they look to continue the momentum, taking on Dickinson College (3-7) in Carlisle, Pa.

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SOFTBALL: Thrilling!

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With her performance, Snyder dropped her ERA to a team leading 2.82.

In the game, Snyder received just enough offensive support from her teammates. Katie DeJulio '09 knocked in the lone run of the game on a walk-off RBI double.

Game two was just as dramatic as the Eagles knotted the game at 6 in the seventh inning to send the game into extra innings. In the eighth, Chelsea Artz '11 knocked in the game winning run on a walk-off single to drive in Kerri Dattres '12, giving the Valley the 7-6 win.

Malizzia tallied her fifth win of the season pitching in relief. She pitched two scoreless innings in relief of Kristen Palmeiro '12.

The team's early success has gotten the Valley well on its way to its goals, a repeat as conference champs and another NCAA bid.

"As a team we would like to keep winning for the rest of the season both conference and non-conference games," says Uhas. "Our ultimate goal is to be conference champs again and have another shot at NCAA playoffs."

The Valley (10-4) looks to continue its success on Saturday as they take on the Moravian College Greyhounds (10-6) in a double-header at the Blue & Grey Field in Bethlehem, Pa.

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Scoreboard

Baseball:

3/11 at Muhlenberg	L, 5-6
3/12 vs. Frostburg St.	L, 0-12
3/14 vs. Lancaster Bible	W, 12-0
3/14 vs. Lancaster Bible	W, 15-0
3/16 at DeSales	L, 5-8
3/17 at King's	W, 14-8

Softball:

3/11 at Albright	W, 6-3
3/11 at Albright	W, 6-3
3/14 vs. Lycoming	W, 4-0
3/14 vs. Lycoming	W, 11-0 (5)
3/22 vs. Juniata	W, 1-0
3/22 vs. Juniata	W, 7-6

Men's Tennis:

3/11 at Neumann	L, 3-6
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Upcoming Games

Baseball:

3/19 at Dickinson	3:30 p.m.
3/20 vs. Alvernia	3:30 p.m.
3/21 vs. PS-HBurg (DH)	12 p.m.
3/22 vs. SUNY-Oneonta	1 p.m.

Softball:

3/21 at Moravian (DH)	1 p.m.
3/22 vs. DeSales (DH)	12 p.m.

Men's Tennis:

3/21 at Cabrini	3 p.m.
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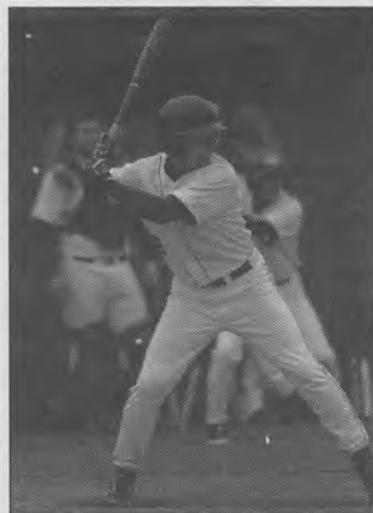
Track & Field:

3/20 vs. LVC Outdoor Invite	
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MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BRIAN MILLER
BASEBALL

In his second career start for the Valley, Miller tossed a seven inning no-hitter on Saturday as part of a double-header where LVC dominated Lancaster Bible College in back-to-back shut-outs.

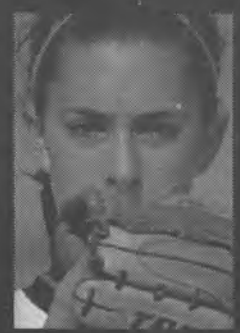


Courtesy Sports Information
LEADERSHIP Bert Malloy '09 currently has 8 runs, 9 hits and 2 doubles on the season while helping the pitching staff from behind the plate. Malloy also proved especially important in game one on Saturday, catching a no-hitter and recording three hits

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

VAL MALIZZIA
SOFTBALL

Winning her fourth start of the season and appearing in her 8th contest on the mound, Malizzia tossed a perfect game in the five-inning second game in Saturday's twinbill against Lycoming.





La Vie tries its hand
on NCAA bracket
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SPORTS

Perfect in Pennsylvania *Softball has dominated since return from Florida*

STEVEN H. WISNER '09
LA VIE SPORTS EDITOR

In sports, perfection is rarely reached. Softball is a game of inches and a game of statistics and on Saturday, Val Malizzia '11 controlled every inch of the field and the stats sheet.

After splitting their Spring Break trip to Florida (4-4), the Valley softball squad has dominated, winning both games in the double headers against Albright last Wednesday and taking two against Lycoming over the weekend.

On Saturday, Lebanon Valley easily defeated the Warriors, winning the first game of the twinbill 4-0 and dominating the second 11-0. The second game was only five innings, but it was a perfect five for Saturday's game two starter, Malizzia.

Malizzia struck out five in the complete game, putting up goose-eggs across the board, and

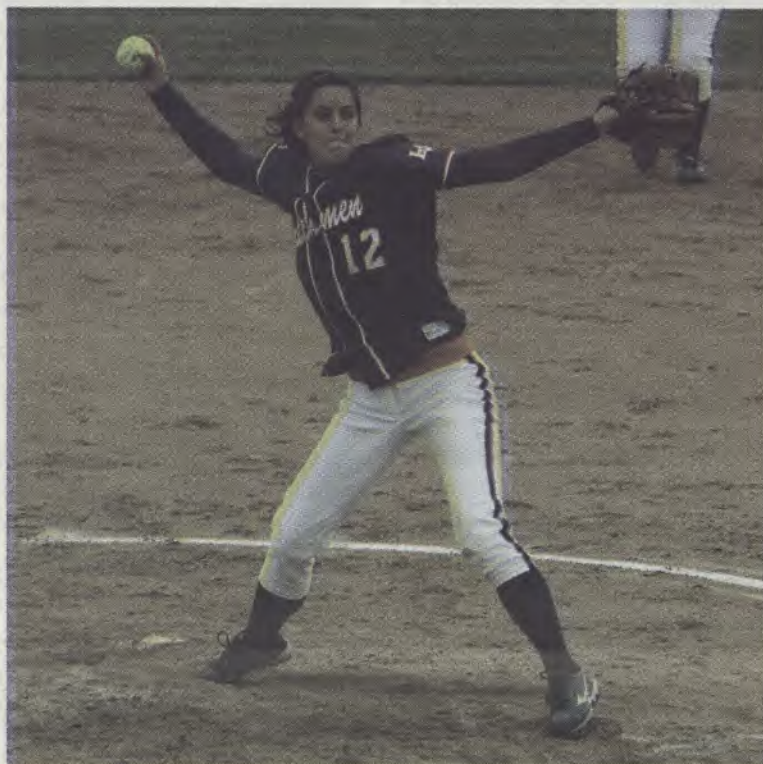
securing her fourth victory on the young season. Overall on the season Malizzia has appeared in nine games, starting four and posting a team leading 38 innings pitched, pitching to a 3.13 ERA with four complete games.

The Valley's first-baseman Kristen Uhas '10 also had a dominant day, going 6 for 7 at the plate with four runs scored and three runs batted in. Before Tuesday's games, Uhas led the team in batting average (.452), runs (9), hits (14), RBIs (10), and was tied for first in home runs with 2.

The team continued its success yesterday with back-to-back walk-off victories over the Eagles of Juniata College.

Right-hander Laura Snyder '11 led the way for the club in the first game, striking out 14 and walking only three in her complete game shut-out on the hill.

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Courtesy Sports Information

POWER PITCHING Right-handed pitcher, Val Malizzia '11 pitched a perfect game against Lycoming in the second game of the double-header on Saturday afternoon. The game was also the first no-hitter by an LVC pitcher since Jenn Roberts '07 no-hit Elizabethtown on April 1, 2006

Baseball look to gain stride

STEVEN H. WISNER '09
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Baseball is a game of highs and lows and the Dutchmen have already had their share of both on the young season.

After four consecutive losses in Florida, the team rebounded to end the trip with a 4-5 record, winning four out of the final five games during Spring Break. The team then proceeded to hit another low for the season with a 12-0 loss to Frostburg State University last Thursday before hitting their stride over the weekend.

On Saturday, the Valley hosted Lancaster Bible College for a double-header at scenic McGill Field, controlling the games, winning 12-0 and 15-0 in the back-to-back seven inning contests.

To open the day, game one starter Brian Miller '12 tossed an impressive twelve strikeout, no-hit performance in his second career start for the Dutchmen. In Miller's first outing he pitched solid, giving up just 3 runs (2 earned) over six innings, but walked six against Marywood on March 4 in Fort Pierce, Fla.

In his complete game outing on Saturday, Miller allowed only four base runners on two walks and two hit batsmen.

Offensively, the Dutchmen were on fire in game one. The Valley took the lead in the second off a one-out, two run double off the bat of left-fielder Brandon Stoothoff '09. After that, LVC never looked back.

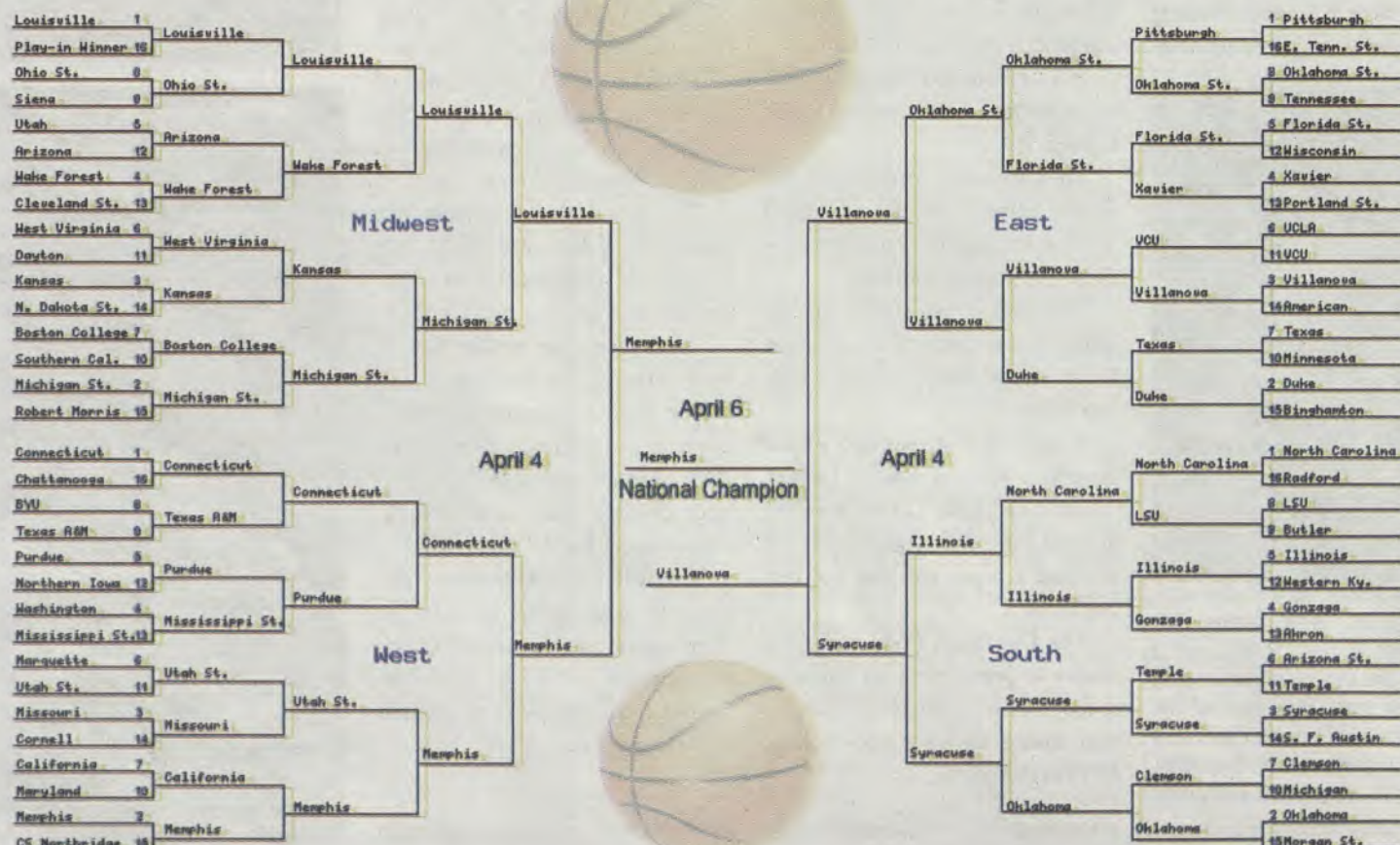
The Dutchmen continued to add to their lead, blowing the game open in the fifth inning, scoring seven runs on seven hits to top off the game, giving the Valley the 12-0 victory.

Overall, the Dutchmen recorded 14 hits, including three a piece from designated hitter Nate Blough '11 and catcher Bert Malloy '09. Blough also led the team in RBIs, alongside right-fielder Derek Helwig '09 with three.

Game two of the twinbill was just as dominant for the Valley as they out

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LVC vs. Domestic Violence

F-Word informs through flags

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"One in five [intimate] relationships, there will be dating violence [in college]," says Kayla Houser '09, president of The F-Word, LVC's resident feminist organization.

Because of that alarming nationwide statistic, The F-Word decided it was time to inform students of the dangers that can occur in these close-knit relationships.

Two hundred red flags were placed near walkways throughout LVC's campus at the beginning of last week in hopes of sparking questions and generating conversation. The flags are a large part of a program launched by Virginia Sexual Please see **FLAGS | Page 2**



Tony Gorick '11 / LA VIE

REMINDER Red Flags were abundant on campus last week as a stimulus for questions and conversation. The Red Flag Campaign was sponsored by the F-Word and promoted awareness of sexual violence among women. Posters were also put up around campus depicting red flag relationships. The posters spread the message: When you see a red flag in someone's relationship, say something

Clothing drive aids DVIOLC

JESSICA SHIREY '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Out of sight, out of mind. That often sums up important issues in today's society, which is the case with domestic violence, an issue all too common but seldom mentioned.

The media is bringing the issue into the limelight again, with music sensations Rihanna and Chris Brown at the center of a very public domestic violence dispute.

Now Lebanon Valley College is doing its part to raise awareness.

Beginning on Mar. 16, LVC has been asking students to donate clean, unwanted clothing to benefit women of abuse at the Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon

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Economy may affect dorm renovations

LAUREL KLAPPHOLZ '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The economy's gloomy state is causing anxiety in parents and graduating seniors.

Without hints of it getting better, students are beginning to wonder how the economy is affecting LVC.

Last year, \$1 million out of LVC's budget of \$47.5 million was used for dorm renovations. The annual budget is approved during the

spring board meeting, which meets May 2.

"A lot of preparation goes into balancing a budget, but once the budget is balanced it is not difficult to pass," said Vice President for Finance Deb Fullam.

Since the economy is at a major low right now, revenue streams are being closely reviewed.

"Charitable gifts have gone down," said Fullam. "This isn't just happening at LVC, this is happening across the board."

LVC is also getting a little money from the state each year. However, the same amount of money given by the government from year to year is not guaranteed, and this causes some concern among the LVC's administration.

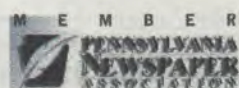
This may necessitate a smaller budget this year and if a smaller budget is approved for this year, that doesn't automatically mean dorm renovations will not take place.

"We bring everything to the ta-

ble," stated Fullam. "It depends on other priorities."

In the past, money has always been available for dorm renovations. Before Greg Krikorian was named vice president for student affairs, dorm renovations were made sporadically as needed. The thought behind dorm renovations has since changed. Now one dorm's need is reviewed each year, and the necessary work is done.

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FLAGS: Abuse 'not just about hitting'

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and Domestic Violence Action Alliance called The Red Flag Campaign. The campaign was created by college students and personnel and community victim advocates in Virginia.

Houser describes the awareness campaign as innovative.

"The University of Virginia started the campaign in October 2007, and about 25 campuses are involved nationwide. This is the first year for our campus," she explains.

In addition to the flags, posters can be found hanging up on campus. These posters depict scenarios found in abusive relationships including excessive jealousy, coercion, victim-blaming, stalking, and isolation. The posters also spread a message: When you see a red flag in someone's relationship, say something.

"I really like this campaign because it didn't just deal with women victims," says Houser.

"The vast majority [of abuse in

relationships] is male to female," says the Director of Counseling Services Dr. Kathy Gallagher. "However, female to male, gay relationships and lesbian relationships [also] deal with abuse."

Gallagher explains that sometimes in relationships, a person doesn't realize right away he or she is being abused.

"Abuse is not just about hitting," she comments. "It can include using mind games, intimidation and blaming."

A major problem occurs when students are too afraid to open up to someone, but Gallagher suggests getting help.

"Talk to somebody and have a safety plan. If you see a friend who is being abused, support them. Don't judge them. People sometimes go back-and-forth to these relationships. Try not to be judgmental."

"Taking emotional abuse for love—it can be kind of embarrassing," says Houser.

Counseling is available on cam-

pus for such situations, and Gallagher says that students do take advantage of these services. However, communication usually occurs as "students open up more as they get to know staff."

The Red Flag Campaign is part of "Women's Empowerment Week" that is also sponsored by The F-Word.

Anyone can be a victim of relationship abuse.

"The more we talk about [dating violence] and the more we bring it out, the less stigma it will have and the more it will change behavior," says Gallagher.

Resources:

Counseling Services on campus: (717) 867-6697

Domestic Violence Intervention: (717) 273-7190

Sexual Assault Resource Counseling Center (SARCC): (717) 272-5308

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VOS hosts Gospel Explosion

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On Saturday, Mar. 21, LVC's resident gospel choir, Voices of Spirit (VOS), hosted their annual Gospel Explosion where VOS and other local Christian organizations participate.

"We do not strictly invite other choirs or singing groups," says Rachel Mingle '09, director of the choir. "We also encourage participation of dance and step groups."

VOS uses Gospel Explosion to spread the word while having fun.

"Our purpose is to worship and share God's word," Mingle says. "This is a time for us to make a 'joyful noise' and have fun doing it!"

Mingle sees the event as a way to develop associations with other area groups as well.

"Gospel Explosion is also a chance for the college to build a standing relationship with groups from other colleges and communities," she says.

VOS has been around for seven years, started by Rachel Hadrick '06. Previously under the umbrella of the Council of Christian Organizations (CCO), as of this year the



Alyssa Bender '11 / LA VIE

group is now a part of the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs.

"We hope to attract more attention through our affiliation," Mingle states.

The gospel choir has hosted Gospel Explosion five of the past seven years. At this year's Gospel Explosion, the dance group Rain performed along with VOS. Typically, more groups come to perform, but some problems arose.

"We had to schedule Gospel Explosion for March 21, which is significantly earlier in the semester than we have in the past," explains Mingle. "Not only did that give us less time to plan, but it is also

around mid-terms for a lot of the other college gospel groups."

VOS performed six songs total, while Rain danced to three songs. The turnout was good, with community members, families, and LVC students in attendance.

Even with the setback of having to schedule the event early, Mingle was still hopeful that Gospel Explosion would have the same effect.

"Despite the low number of participants this year, the purpose is the same and the impact, I hope, will be just as meaningful."

VOS meets Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m. in Miller Chapel.

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CRIMEWATCH

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3-15-09 | LVC Campus

Assist other agency

Assisted Annville Township PD with support

3-17-09 | Arnold Sports Center

Assault

Investigation continues

3-21-09 | Hammond Hall

Assault

Student assaulted by non-student

3-21-09 | LVC Campus

Alcohol Violation

Underage Drinking

DVIOLC: Making a difference

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County (DVIOLC).

According to its website, DVIOLC aims to support and assist violence victims in Lebanon County and educate the community, as well as advocate for safety and justice for victims of violence.

Diane Pietkiewicz, Public Education Coordinator at DVIOLC, says that domestic violence is a real problem.

"Our culture still seems to normalize it," she said. "Just look at the violence between Rihanna and Chris Brown. Some people have commented that she actually deserved it."

Pietkiewicz added that in addition to domestic violence often seen as "just another relationship problem," there is a stigma attached to it. Often, "it's a family secret and we shouldn't talk about it," she said.

However, domestic violence does not just affect the victim.

"It touches the lives of everyone around the victim in some way," Pietkiewicz said, adding that "the impact on children is profound."

Last year, DVIOLC served more than 1,400 victims in Lebanon County according to Pietkiewicz. This figure doesn't even take into account the victims who don't report the abuse.

"Nationally, statistics state that one in four adult women are victims of domestic violence, and more disturbingly, one in three teens are victims of

dating violence," she continued.

Although victims of violence are primarily women, DVIOLC does help male victims as well.

Fortunately, places such as DVIOLC exist to help victims of domestic violence and with LVC's clothing drive, students can do their part to help victims as well.

If students have no clothing to give, there are other ways to help. Food and gift cards are DVIOLC's biggest need, Pietkiewicz said.

"Amounts as small as \$5 can make a difference," she encouraged.

Cleaning products, non-perishable snack foods, and things like scrapbook paper, scissors, and stickers for children are all also appreciated.

Greg Krikorian, vice president of student affairs at LVC, says that "being a good neighbor" is important.

"LVC as a college is very interested in working with our local community," Krikorian said.

Students interested in helping victims of violence in Lebanon County can take clean and unwanted clothing to the box in the College Center. In addition, students can check out DVIOLC wish lists and make donations at www.dviolc.org and can contact the agency at 717-237-7190.

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RENOVATIONS As the nation goes through the worst economic crisis in years, Lebanon Valley College questions its standing on the renovation of housing facilities in the near future. Silver Hall, pictured here, was renovated last year. The final decision on which, if any, of the dorms will be renovated will not be known until the spring board meeting



Jake King '11 / LA VIE

"Greg Krikorian encouraged looking at residence hall renovations on just one dorm," said Fullam.

Last year, Silver Hall was renovated. Carpet was removed from bedrooms, the inside received a fresh coat of paint, the kitchen was updated in the basement, the second floor kitchen was taken away, new stair treads were installed, and

the bathrooms were fully redone.

"I use the kitchen a lot, so it's very convenient to have updated appliances," said Silver resident Julie Adams.

The prior year, Mary Green had windows replaced, new stair treads installed and painted.

"Mary Green wasn't 'the one' that summer. Vickroy also had bathrooms replaced," said Fullam.

The renovations in Mary Green were more visible than the changes in Vickroy, so some students might not have been aware of the renovations in Vickroy.

A final decision on the dorm renovations will be made at the spring board meeting.

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SGA Update

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The SGA has approved Mars Hill's full club status. They received probationary club status in the fall. Mars Hill is a "Christian organization on campus, whose goal is to have philosophical discussions on campus," stated Vice President Daniel Walmer '10. At the end of the month, Mars Hill will have sponsored 11 events.

In other action at its Monday meeting, the SGA:

Approved The Dance Team's probationary club status. The Dance Team needs a staff advisor before they can request full club status. The ultimate goal of The Dance Team is to perform at basketball games.

Upcoming events:

Relay for life on March 27
Dutchman Day

Softball tournament

on April 26

Hypnotist Brad Clark

...and a trip to the Holocaust Museum.

Student Concerns:

The water quality will be looked into. "The water quality is an intermittent problem," said Vice President of Student Government Scott Beesley. The SGA is trying to get water reports from facility services.

The Annville police have been heavily ticketing LVC cars. Annville Police Chief Burdge will attend the next SGA meeting on March 30. If there are any problems, let SGA officials know.

Finally, except for a lone reporter from *La Vie*, the LVC community did not attend the SGA meeting.

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International Culture Day tests cultural skills

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"Zicka-zacka, zicka-zacka! Hoy, hoy, hoy!"

You could have heard a pin drop, even with over 600 high school students and other volunteers in the basketball arena this past Friday afternoon.

Mark Fersch '10, one of the student coordinators for International Culture Day, used this chant and response to grab the students' attention throughout the day whenever he needed to speak.

Lebanon Valley College was

once again host to this day dedicated to the knowledge of several cultures. Students from local area high schools competed in a quiz competition and then were able to learn about several cultures.

The theme this year was "Art and Music Around the World."

The first part of the challenge was a quiz game called Bengaku. The students were divided by high schools and then into languages. The knowledge of both the language and cultures that speak French, German, and Spanish were put to the test.

There was a range of skill for the questions and the goal was to earn as many points as possible. With over 600 kids, there was a team for each language for every high school. The amount of students varied per team, ranging anywhere from three to seven students in each language group. The questions were given values from 10-50 points and were answered on a rotating system so every student had a chance to respond. Once the quiz was over, students were able to wager their points for the final question, which was much more difficult and would determine the winner.

After the completion of the

quiz, students were able to relax, eat lunch, and have some fun in the Sports Center. Students took part in a huge round of the game "Mad Libs" in the language of study and also put their acting skills to the test in a game of Charades.

Senior French and English major Beth Julian was one of the student coordinators this year for French.

"The planning was very hectic, but it was all worth it in the end," said Julian. "The kids had a great time."

Students from LVC host the event with the game hosts skilled in one of the specific languages running the game. Other students also helped with the event by directing the traffic in the morning, seating all the students by language and high school, and by assisting with moderating the games.

"The volunteers were amazing for showing up because the entire event depends on the volunteers," commented Julian.

The cheers were loud as Kenard Dale High School swept the flag design competition this year, placing in each language.

Once again, International Culture Day was a success, and the students enjoyed the afternoon flexing



their cultural skills.

It was a blast to see over 600 students cooperate, seek knowledge, and (in tandem) quiet themselves with the rousing German festival call and response, "Zicka-zacka, zicka-zacka! HOY, HOY, HOY!"

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Photos courtesy of Mark Fersch

CHALLENGING CULTURE LVC's language clubs challenged local high school students during International Culture Day held last Friday in the Arnold Sports Center. Students from the surrounding area played games to challenge their culture skills in Spanish, German, and French

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Features

Bring on the "Bucket Brigade!"

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LA VIE STAFF WRITER

No, it isn't Christmas and there is no Giving Tree this time of year.

Instead, spring comes with a new and easy way to reach out to people: The Bucket Brigade.

What is it?

A large bulletin board next to the College Center Desk in Mund is full of square tags during the month of March. Each tag lists an assortment of cleaning supplies that are quick and easy to pick up. At the end of the month, all the supplies go to women and families helped by the Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County.

Brooke Donovan, Associate Director of Student Activities and Engagement at LVC, helped create the idea.

"It's nice to give them things they actually need," she said. Donovan also mentioned that many

of the items are extremely easy to find, and inexpensive as well. "There is no reason not to help."

Deb Bishop, Secretary of Student Activities and Multicultural Affairs at LVC, agreed. She said that these women and families have a great need for simple supplies.

"They [the individuals] have to go into an apartment and make it their own," Bishop said. She also noted that "most people do their 'spring cleaning'" around now and she hopes this will help the families and women feel included.



DEADLINE EXTENDED Students and faculty can pick up a "Bucket Brigade" tag until Friday, March 27 to donate cleaning supplies to those in need. The bulletin board is next to the College Center Desk in Mund. Items are donated to the Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County.

"For many of these people it is a fresh start," Bishop said. "We can do our part to help."

Many of the tags include sham-poos, paper towels, soaps, spray cleaners, toothbrushes, shower

items, and more. With so many stores surrounding the Annville area, students have an opportunity to purchase items easily.

"Everybody makes countless trips to Wal-Mart," Donovan said. "A lot of these things are small things that can be easy to buy."

Erin Brubaker '11 took the opportunity to get involved.

"I like helping, but I don't have a ton of time to take part in a large cause," she admitted. "So this was quick and easy." Brubaker also said that it is "very helpful to people who

just need some essential items."

The deadline for the "Bucket Brigade" has been extended to this Friday, March 27. There are still many tags available at the desk. All a student needs to do is pick tags off the board, sign them out at the College Center Desk, and drop the items off. Also, there is no limit on how many tags can be taken.

"You can take multiple tags," Bishop said. She also encourages clubs and organizations to participate. "Get people to go together."

The "Bucket Brigade" is going on now.

Brubaker is glad she could help, and encourages others to help as well.

"Do it!"

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Foreign language students FLEX their muscles

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The Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) Program, run by students at Lebanon Valley College, was another success this year that involved introducing children to the languages and cultures of German, French, and Spanish.

As part of a teaching methodology class taught by Professor of Spanish Dr. Iglesias, the local community children were given a chance to take part in the FLEX.

The children were bussed to Annville Free Library after school and sang and danced the afternoon away in a fun learning environment.

The sessions were broken down by both language and grade. On Tuesday afternoons, kindergartners and first graders took a 45-minute trip to various Spanish-speaking countries and learned to greet one another in Spanish. The program ran this year for three weeks, beginning March 10 with Experience French! the first week and Experience German! the following week. Each Thursday, children were able to take part in the Experience Spanish! session.

"If you were in Peru, and you wanted a blue lollipop, how would you say that?" Alyse Canciello, a junior Spanish education major

asked the children.

They were quick to scramble about the room as they learned the colors and played games with their colored lollipops made of construction paper and found the matching color groups. They also did the "Cuenta" dance as they learned how to count together in Spanish.

The most popular event of the afternoon for the kids was counting the sombreros being stacked on sophomore Spanish education major Jesus Sandoval's head as they took turns counting.

As the afternoon Spanish session came to an end, students gathered around Kristie deMackiewicz, a continuing education major, for a story about mischievous farm animals.

The kids laughed when they heard that animals don't make the same sound in Spanish-speaking countries and learned the new sounds of the farm animals from the story.

Planning for this program is on-going throughout the semester. Dr. Iglesias helped the thirteen students create and design a curriculum for the young students, which is then tested before presentation. The program has been used in parochial schools and has moved from Annville Elementary School to the local library.

This year's program took place over

two weeks and was offered as part of the library's after-school program.

Cindy Funk, the director of the program, helped facilitate these sessions and let the local school children know it was available as part of the after-school program.

"It's been a pleasure to give back to the community and work with the library," said Iglesias. "Cindy Funk has been very generous in allowing us to be a part of this program." Iglesias also explained that the partnership between the library and the college class was crucial to make the FLEX program a success.

The program offers a unique experience not only for the children but for the students who are teaching it as well.

Foreign language education at the college provides certification from kindergarten through 12th grade, and it is a great chance for the

students in the college class to create a program and carry it out. Usually, students get an opportunity to teach in middle

schools and high schools, but teaching elementary students is not a part of the program.

"It's a real hands-on experience that gives these students an edge," Iglesias explained.

Students may not have considered teaching such a young age group, but the experience shows how different it can be.

"It really opened my eyes to different age groups," said Martita Bowersox, a sophomore Spanish major.

"I loved working with the little kids because they were so enthusiastic and excited to learn a different language and made it fun," said Katie DeMarco, a sophomore German student who also teaches FLEX.

The students of all three languages work alongside one another to design the activities and the curriculum for the children.

Brad Sweigert, a sophomore

German secondary education major, was teaching Spanish and saw the benefits of learning a new language.

"It was fun to see the kids learn a language that was new for me, too," he said.

After the session, the language students go through what worked and what didn't work in order to make it better.

The overall results of the program were obvious.

After the last children were picked up by their parents, Iglesias asked them about the session.

"How did you like working with the kids? Was it worth it?" she asked.

The students were unanimous. "We loved it!" they said.

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Arts & Entertainment

A private subject, a public stage

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As the wave of vagina madness flooded Leedy Theatre, the Vagina Monologues raised the curtain to an eager and naive audience for its fifth performance year at Lebanon Valley College.

Leading the amazing cast were senior directors Shelly Burkholder, Lauren Erkoboni, Kayla Houser and Becky Schaffer and sophomore director Jamie Latshaw.

Much thanks also goes out to producers Aly Sehl, Residential Life Area Coordinator, Laura Winarczyk '09, and stage manager Jamie Booker '09.

The show is unparalleled when addressing issues of rape, sexual abuse, and violence against women and sure to strike a chord with all brave enough to take a seat and listen.

The women's monologues offer much variety, with a mix of comedy, intrigue, fascination, innocence, pain, depression, embrace, longing, exploration and moaning. Some of the monologues like "They Beat



photo courtesy of Becky Schaffer '09

VAGINA MONOLOGUES The cast and some supporters assemble for a group shot after a performance. The show is in its fifth year at LVC

the Girl out of my Boy" and "Baptized" are appalling and shocking, whereas others are much more lighthearted and humorous like "The Vagina Workshop."

Some of the spotlight performances were the finely nuanced performance of Mary Auker '10 as "The Women Who Loved to Make Va-

ginas Happy" (a.k.a. The Moaner), the sassy attitude-driven piece "My Angry Vagina" performed by Teddy Hermes '12, and, finally on a more serious note, "Hair," performed at times with a lovely German accent by Stephanie Henrich '09.

The Vagina Monologues cast was comprised of dedicated, passionate,

motivated, strong and intelligent women who were fearless when standing up to violence, racism and sexism to make their voices heard.

How does LVC respond to Vagina Monologues? Both freshman Nicholas Schultz and sophomore Alicia Brower commented on this and responded to several other questions:

Describe the show in one adjective and explain.

Nick—"Feminine—the show is a very different point of view on topics that I have never been exposed to before."

Alicia—"Funny—it provided me with information from funny viewpoints so that people could enjoy it and not always in such a serious manner. It also explains a lot of issues people aren't comfortable talking about."

Do you feel the show is informative and powerful or offensive? Why?

Nick—"More so informative..."

definitely made people more uncomfortable."

Alicia—"I definitely think it was informative and it touched on a lot of views...it could be seen as offensive to some people but it did provide a lot of good information."

Would you recommend this show to future LVC students? Why?

Nick—"Sure, if this is their thing... I had no idea what I was coming into and didn't know what to expect. Now I know and I don't know if I would suggest guys go see it. I'm sure a lot of girls would love to go and enjoy that. I would not go see that again."

Alicia—"I think if it's something you are comfortable with watching and listening to, then it's a good [show] to go see. I feel a lot of people would be uncomfortable with it so they really should know what it's about beforehand. Yes, I would recommend it."



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Students take a shot at online amusement

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Standing in the back of any classroom with computers, an observer is certain to find at least one student playing Bubble Spinner.

Bubble Spinner is the highly addictive online game sweeping through LVC's campus.

The premise is to shoot colored bubbles at other bubbles on a rotating platform. Players knock the bubbles off by making groups of at least three. The object is to knock off all the bubbles in order to move to the next round.

Sounds easy, right?

"It's frustrating," says Dan Thomas '11. "People play it the first time, and they get frustrated because it should be so easy."

It is not just a click-and-shoot type of game; there is strategizing involved. Players must figure out where to shoot the bubbles—sometimes utilizing the walls to bounce the bubbles off of—so the bubbles don't add up and hit the wall. When this happens, the game is over.

"It's more of a puzzle—it's problem solving," Thomas explains.

While some students play for satisfaction in overcoming the game's obstacles, some students play for the competitive nature.

Sean Deffley '11 plays Bubble Spinner through Facebook, where players can see how their scores score measure up with their friends.

"I need the high score," Deffley says. Back when he first discovered the game through a friend, he would play about three times an hour. "But now that I have the high score [on Facebook], I haven't played since," he continues.

Applications like MindJolt on Facebook, where Bubble Spinner can be found, have hundreds of games to choose from, most of which will record players' scores and compare them to their Facebook friends who have played the game.

To encourage competition, games like Bubble Spinner will send a notification when a high

score has been beaten, along with a usual taunting remark, such as "[So and so] crushed your high score! Go show them who's boss."

Who can resist a challenge like that?

Some other popular online games on MindJolt are Bouncing Balls and Cube Crash. And of course, there is the always-faithful, old-school favorite, Solitaire.

One downfall to playing games like Bubble Spinner on Facebook is that players have to sit through about 15 seconds of advertisements each time a new game is started. However, the satisfaction of achieving a personal high score that beats that of friends' may be worth it.

"Bubble Spinner is kind of like the 21st century equivalent of passing notes in class," says Deffley. "Only the paper is Facebook, and the message is a new high score."

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Feeling Bored?

Try your hand at some other online games

Along with playing games on the various applications on Facebook, here are a few sites for free games:

***Mindjolt.com:** Has the same games as the Facebook application without the hassle of going back to the Facebook application start-up page when re-starting the game. Top games include Bouncing Balls, Bubble Spinner, Bricks Breaking, Cube Crash, and Scarab Solitaire.

***AddictingGames.com:** Boasts it is "the largest source of the best free online games including funny games, flash games, arcade games, dress-up games, internet games, shooting games, word games, RPGs, racing games, and much more." Top games include Bubble Spinner, Tattoo Artist, Super Stacker 2, The Jumper, and Foxy Sniper 2.

***MiniClip.com:** Has almost 500 free games and makes its own games unique to the site. Top five games right now are Club Penguin, Commando 2, 9 Ball Pool, Waffle Mania, and Monster Trucks Nitro.

***Zone.com:** This site is run by MSN and includes some more traditional online games. Top five games are Bubble Town, Text Twist, Mah Jong Tiles, Bejeweled 2, and SCRABBLE Blast.

***Funorb.com:** From Jagex.com, home of the MMRPG (massively multiplayer role-playing game) Runescape. Includes free basic games like Flea Circus and Vertigo, but full access to the site is granted to members for \$3 a month.

-compiled by Alyssa Bender '11

PERSPECTIVES

Valley's Voices

Why are you interested in participating in the LVC McDougall Challenge 2009? What do you think your biggest challenge is going to be during it? What food are you going to miss the most during the challenge?

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"I am interested in the challenge because it is something different to do and I'm hoping to get something out of this. My biggest challenge would have to be watching my friends who are not participating in the challenge eat what they want. I will miss pizza with cheese, chocolate, and everything else my friends will eat in front of my face."

"I am interested because it's a challenge and it is something that I've never tried. Also because it's healthy. My biggest challenge would be following it off campus. I will miss chicken patties and peanut butter and everything I'm not allowed."

"I am interested in McDougall because it is a good way to stay healthy and challenge myself. My biggest challenge will be not eating chocolate. I'll probably miss snack foods."

"It's a challenge. You have to be really conscious about what you're eating 24/7, and this gives you the opportunity to try new foods that you wouldn't normally eat. And let's face it, only dirty hippies eat vegan...lolz. I'm going to miss eating lunchmeat, but I'm looking forward to more energy, less weight, and maybe even whiter eyes."

-Compiled by Katie Zwiebel '12



Cheers!

and

Jeers



Cheers

to Lebanon Valley College for hosting the Special Olympic swim meet Saturday, March 21. Five counties in Pennsylvania participated in the event that lasted the entire morning. The festivities included a kick-off parade, medal ceremonies, craft activities, and more for the athletes to participate in. The Special Olympians took in everything with optimism, joining in on every opportunity to further their experiences. An abundance of LVC student and staff volunteers helped make the event happen—one that impacted both athletes and volunteers for the better.

Cheers

to the women who were behind the production of *The Vagina Monologues* and raised awareness of violence against women. About a 30-member cast, along with multiple directors and other volunteers, presented tough issues through humor, drama, and professionalism that succeeded in captivating and convicting the audience. Leedy Theater was packed for the afternoon show and sold out for the evening performance. Some say the play is controversial, but the only real controversy is why people have often ignored these important issues. Thanks to the ladies who participated; tough issues were forced into the limelight. Well done.

Jeers

to the thief who decided that taking batteries from the Mund Student Center defibrillator was a good idea. The defibrillator—you know, the machine that could save someone's life in case of sudden heart problems—sat without batteries until an alarm eventually went off. Ironically, the batteries can't even be used in any other piece of equipment. Really? Has someone really dropped so low as to steal batteries from a possible life-saver? Please [insert idiot's name in here], risk your own life if need be but not those of the people around you.

Jeers

to the murky, brown, and utterly dirty water flowing out of the water fountain on the third floor of Humanities. Please; we all know the economy is rough, but when a highly-regarded and academically-advanced institution provides students with ridiculously putrid water, something has to change. I mean, seriously? When brown gritty liquid is all that is available then I think I'd rather die of thirst. In all seriousness—something needs to be done. Being nervous about water quality should never be a problem here. Where is our tuition money going?

SPORTS

Softball, Malizzia win two

STEVEN H. WISNER '09
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The Dutchmen softball team split two doubleheaders on the week.

On Saturday, the Valley travelled to Bethlehem to play the Greyhounds of Moravian in doubleheader action.

The Valley won the first game 3-1 in eight innings with Val Malizzia '10 on the hill tossing eight innings of one run ball, giving up four hits.

At the plate, Kristen Uhas '10 had an impressive day, going 2 for 4 in the first game with an RBI and knocking a home run in the second game for the team's only run.

The team lost the second game 4-1. Kristen Palmiero '12 was given the loss after pitching all six innings, but she got no support from the offense. Uhas's home run was the team's only hit of the game.

On Sunday, the Valley had another twinbill; this time, the Dutchmen hosted DeSales, again splitting the games, losing the first 1-0 and winning the second 5-0.

In the first game, Laura Snyder '11 pitched a complete game in the losing effort, giving up only one run and six hits. At the plate, the Valley amassed four hits but no runs in the game.

The offense did better in game two, knocking in five runs. Katie Freeman '11 led the team, going 2 for 3 with 2 runs batted in.

In the 5-0 victory over DeSales, Malizzia earned her team-leading seventh win in the complete game shut-out. The game also marked the 200th career win for eleventh year head softball coach Stacy Hollinger.

"I actually prefer to not make a deal of this," says Hollinger. "It truly means that we've been fortunate to

have great kids and players who have competed very hard and won lots of games during my time here. I've never pitched, fielded or hit a ball here — they have. I've just been here for a long time and enjoyed being a part of their wins."

Over the rest of the season, the team will be looking for a more consistent offense to accompany the strong pitching performances.

"As a team we would like to keep winning...both conference and non-conference games," said Kristen Uhas '10. "Our ultimate goal is to be conference champs again and have another shot at NCAA playoffs."

LVC (12-6) will look to move closer to their goal this week starting with their doubleheader at Gettysburg College today starting at 3 p.m.

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Serving up success

Congratulations to Sammy Burkey '09 and Sarah Grodzinski '10, who both broke the LVC single season record for singles wins, leading the Dutchmen to a 6-3 victory over York College Monday.

Burkey and Grodzinski each won their 20th match of the season, beating former teammate Leslie Sabas' '08 record of 19-2, set last year.

The men's side performed really well, dominating two matches on the week. Five singles players and two doubles sets went 2-0 on the week.

Scoreboard

Baseball:

3/19 at Dickinson	L, 2-12
3/20 vs. Alvernia	L, 4-15
3/21 vs. PS-HBurg (DH)	W, 2-1; W-8-7
3/22 vs. SUNY-Oneonta	L, 4-18

Softball:

3/21 at Moravian (DH)	W, 3-1; L, 1-4
3/22 vs. DeSales (DH)	L, 0-1; W, 5-0

Men's Tennis:

3/18 at Marywood	W, 8-1
3/21 at Cabrini	W, 7-2

Women's Tennis:

3/23 at York	W, 6-3
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Track & Field:

3/20 vs. LVC Outdoor Invite	2/3
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Upcoming Games

For a comprehensive list of upcoming games please visit:

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CRONIN: Record breaking run leads to LVC first

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O'Brien, who also coached Cronin on the cross country team.

Cronin listened and did just that, clinching the victory in only her second 3000-meter competition.

"I had only ran one 3000 previously," said Cronin. "I just wanted to be competitive. I wanted to stay with the pack and see what I could do. I didn't expect to win, honestly. I just went out there with a good attitude."

That attitude, with her talent, hard work, and dedication, led to a win, helping Cronin exceed her goals—and O'Brien's goals—for the season.

"Our main goal...was to qualify

Jenn for the ECAC Championships first and foremost, as she spent a good chunk of last year injured and was unable to qualify," said O'Brien. "Since we have a very strong group of middle distance runners on the female side and wanted to send a distance medley team to the ECACs as well, Jenn and I agreed that the 3000 meter run would suit her running style, as she has a strong combination of both speed and strength."

As an athlete and a teammate, Cronin plays a large role on the team and is admired by her coach.

"Jenn is a pleasure to coach as she always gives it her very best," O'Brien

continued. "I know that sounds cliché but that is simply the best way to put it. Her work ethic and team spirit are contagious, and we're starting to see a strong group of women coming out of the woodwork and working hard with her."

While Cronin's performance was remarkable at the ECACs, she credits her teammates and coach for all their work and guidance.

"James [O'Brien] is a phenomenal coach," said Cronin, who also credited her teammates.

"All the girls on the distance side have been so supportive," said Cronin. "I have a great training partner [Me-

gan Long '10], and I really could not have done that much without her."

With the indoor success behind her, Cronin is ready to compete again in the outdoor season.

"Our goal going into outdoor track is simply to get back to work," says O'Brien. "Jenn will open her season with a 1500 and a leg of the 4x800 relay at Washington & Lee University on March 27. We're going to keep working hard, respecting the quality of our competition, and we'll see where the cards fall come May and the championship season."

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BASEBALL: Conference play on deck for the Dutchmen

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Latsha, driving in TJ Houseal.

However, the Dutchmen responded in the bottom half of the fifth as Grant Wiest '10 led off the inning with a double to right field. After Aaron Mills '12 moved Wiest to third, catcher Dustin Adam '12 drove one to right, allowing Wiest to tag up and score to tie the game at 1-1.

The Dutchmen finally broke through and won the first game, a 2-1 final in eight innings. With two outs, Malloy roped one down the first base line for a double. Zarilla answered the call and grounded one to third base, hustling. Garrett Piper made a throwing error and Malloy scored.

Deibert led the team at the dish, going 2-for-4 and is hitting .361 on the year.

He spoke about his early success and getting the chance to start.

"Starting in center field as a freshman has been great. At the plate, I have been trying to be consistent," Deibert says. "As a team, we are really looking forward to the upcoming conference schedule. We are all excited and out to prove that we do not belong at the bottom of the conference as the pre-season polls show."

In game two, the Lions put up a four spot on starter Zarilla in the first, but the Valley answered with their own four-run inning.

LVC scored on RBIs by Malloy, Helwig, and Deibert during the seven-batter frame.

After the Lions took the lead 6-5 in the fourth, LVC took the lead at 7-6 in the fifth.

Soupik led off the inning with a towering home run over the visitors' bullpen in right field to tie it at 6-6.

Bobby Kinsman '12 drove in Helwig to go up 7-6.

The Lions fought back and tied it once again (7-7) after a costly error in left field by Wiest.

Again, the Valley won game two with heroics, this time from Holland.

With Jacob Rhody '12 at third, Helwig at second, and Nate Blough '11 at first, Head Coach Keith Evans ran the suicide squeeze, with Holland putting the bunt down perfectly, allowing Rhody to score as the Dutchmen won 8-7.

Blough got the win, pitching two scoreless innings.

Malloy drove home two while Wiest and Brent Ruminski '11 had

two hits apiece.

During Sunday's action, the Red Dragons of SUNY Oneonta knocked 22 hits, defeating the Valley 18-4.

Southpaw Nick Faria '09 took the loss, throwing 2.2 innings, allowing eight earned runs on 13 hits.

Helwig led the offense on the day, going a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, including two RBI singles in the first and third.

With the Red Dragons up 4-2 after the second, the team exploded for eight runs in the third to put the Dutchmen in a hole.

LVC (9-11) starts conference play Friday afternoon as they host Messiah at 3:30 p.m. at McGill Field.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

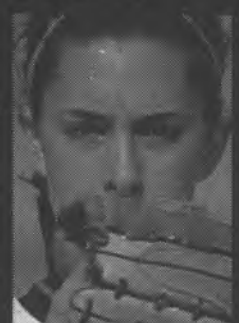
The team went 2-0 this past week, defeating Marywood 8-1 and Cabrini 7-2.

Matt Grodzinski, Jared Zeigler, Brad Sweigart, Jon Gingrich, and Andrew Levin won singles at both matches.



VAL MALIZZIA SOFTBALL

With back-to-back complete game victories over Moravian and DeSales, she improved her season record to 7-0 and her ERA to a team low 2.38.



Softball splits the
week, going 2-2
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La Vie crowns its top
winter athletes
See Below

SPORTS

Running for the gold

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LA VIE SPORTS EDITOR

With her teammates cheering her on, LVC's own Jenn Cronin '11 edged out Brittany Streeter of SUNY-Brockport by 0.46 seconds to win the 3000-meter run at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Indoor Championships.

Cronin's victory in the event marked the first time a female athlete has ever won an event at the ECAC Indoor Championships in Lebanon Valley history. During the performance, the sophomore also broke her own program record for the event, lowering the record time to 10:18.51, nearly 19 seconds quicker than her previous mark.

Cronin ran two events at the championship, running the final leg on the women's distance medley team, which placed eighth in a field of 22 on Friday, before coming back on Saturday for the 3000 meter run.

The relay competition was strong as the team squashed the previous school record for the event, chopping nearly a minute off the old record with a recording time of 12:34.49.

Impressively, the squad of Megan Long '10, Tiffany Frederick '12, Lauren



Courtesy Sports Information

RACING TO SUCCESS The women's distance medley relay squad came in seventh at the ECAC Indoor Championship. Jenn Cronin '11 (far left) also won the 3000-meter run in the second day of the championships.

Johnson '10, and Cronin was first of the finishing teams not to qualify provisionally for the nationals, which illustrates the difficulty of the competition.

The team's goal going into the race was to improve on the winning time they set at the MAC Championships, and they did that by 58 seconds. Beating rival Misericordia was an added benefit.

Cronin admitted that she had contemplated attending Misericordia before deciding on LVC. In the relay race, she received an elbow from her Misericordian counterpart, giving her

the added motivation she needed.

"On the last straight away, I just went out and beat her," said Cronin proudly.

While the relay team performed well, on Saturday, March 7, Cronin's star shown its brightest. The sophomore, running on the unfamiliar track in Medford, Mass., advanced from the seventh seed position to win the 3000-meter run.

The first mile of the run narrowed the competitive field to five as a quick pace was set. Shortly after the mile mark, the competition dropped to

four as Cronin was accompanied by Streeter and two girls from SUNY-Cortland's cross country squad that reached nationals last season.

"Once I started stepping on the girl's heels, I knew that I could catch her and pass her," said Cronin as she recalled the moment she began to break from the pack. "With one lap left, I just went. I just put my head down and went."

The competition kept dropping out, and with only 250 meters left, Cronin made her move to the front with Streeter on her heels. Cronin covered the last 200 meters in 34 seconds, quick enough for the win and the Dutchmen record.

"I heard everyone just cheering for me," said Cronin. "That was more motivation than anything else."

Both Cronin and the track and field distance coach, James O'Brien, admitted that they did not have as specific of a race plan as they usually do going into a race.

"I told her to sit in 3rd or 4th place throughout the race, pay close attention to anyone trying to gap the field and cover their moves, and when she made her move to put her head down and give it everything she had," said

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Baseball eyes consistent play

RYAN ZVORSKY '09
CIRCULATION MANAGER

Playing five games in four days is difficult for a team who is still trying to find its identity.

After traveling to Dickinson on Thursday afternoon and returning home to play four games at McGill Field over the weekend, the Dutchmen finished 2-3 during the week.

The first game of the week, against the Red Devils, showcased Bert Malloy '09, earning hits 100 and 101 of his career, but LVC fell, 12-2.

The squad was only able to muster five hits on the afternoon, two from Malloy, one from classmate Derek Helwig '09, and one each from Dustin Deibert '12 and Dylan Holland '12.

Brian Miller '12 took the loss, going 5.1 innings on the hill, giving up eight runs on eight hits and striking out five while walking five.

Dickinson broke open the game with a four-run fourth and iced the game with a four-run eighth.

The next afternoon, LVC hosted Alvernia, falling to the Crusaders for the third time this season by a final of 15-4.

Malloy and Colt Zarilla '12 each posted two-hit games, but Alvernia jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first and ran away with the game, scoring seven runs in the final three frames.

Joe Soupik '09 drove home a run going 1-for-3 while classmate Brandon Stoothoff '09 also notched an RBI, going 1-for-3 at the plate.

Jake Becker '11 was tabbed with the loss, tossing five innings.

Saturday afternoon was much different for the Valley as it hosted local Penn State Harrisburg for a twinbill, sweeping the doubleheader in walk-off fashion.

During game one, Shane Specht '11 pitched superbly, tossing eight strong innings, allowing one earned run, scattering seven hits and punching out six batters.

The Lions took an early 1-0 lead in the third on an RBI double by Corey

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La Vie's Winter Sports Season Awards

Most Valuable Male Athlete

Kyle Enoch '09 (Basketball)

Enoch, who finished the season with 422 points, was named a first-team, all-conference team selection. For his career, he finished with 1,188 points; good for 17th all time. He led the conference three-pointers (66) and minutes played (34.36 per game). He finished the year shooting .805 from the foul line, converting 70 free-throws.

Honorable Mentions

Zach Bleiler '11 (Track & Field)- 15.89 m weight throw in the MAC
Kevin Carney '09 (Swimming)- Placed 5th (1650 yd free) in the MAC
Rich Drazin '11 (Ice Hockey)- 507 saves, .856 save percentage
Jerome Duncan '12 (Track)- 8.0 sec (55 hurdles), 23.56 sec (200m)

Rookie of the Year

Joe Meehan '12 (Basketball)

The rookie led the team in assists with 118 and saw the second most minutes on the floor. Meehan was also fourth on the team in points-per-game with 9.1 and second in steals with 32.

Most Valuable Female Athlete

Jenn Cronin '11 (Track & Field)

The sophomore became the first female in school history to win an event at the ECAC Indoor Championships, winning the 3000-meter. Cronin also won an event at the MAC Championships and recorded the team best times throughout the season in three different events including the: 3000m, 5000m, and mile run.

Honorable Mentions

Ally Birli '11 (Swimming)- Two top 10 finishes at the MAC
Megan Bish '09 (Basketball)- 139 rebounds, 8.0 ppg off the bench
Andrea Hoover '11 (Basketball)- 130 assists, 47 steals, 266 points
Lori Lidlow '11 (Basketball)- 390 points, 73 assists, 11 blocks

Rookie of the Year

Johanna Walker '12 (Track & Field)

The freshman won two silver medals (55m hurdles, 200m dash) and earned a fourth place finish (55m dash) at the MAC Indoor Championships, earning the MAC Women's Rookie of the Meet award.

Stanson Hall to be demolished for more parking spaces

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The Unthinkable

Concern arises about campus preparedness for zombie apocalypse

APRIL SCHAUERS '867
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Due to an increase in suspicious person reports, Public Safety recently launched an investigation into the LVC community.

"We started getting a lot of calls from students about seeing suspicious activity outside at night," said Public Safety officer Jim Milano. "The health center told us that they'd been getting calls from students experiencing unusual health problems, so we decided to look into both issues."

There appears to be a connection between the two.

"We found that students living in the areas in which the suspicious activity was reported experienced higher rates of health issues," Officer Milano continues. "Students were reporting problems including sluggishness, stiffness of joints, periods of extreme unresponsiveness, and problematic body odor."

"I started to get worried when



Ben Waltz '11, Tyler Cain '11 / LA VIE

DAWN OF THE DEAD? As more and more reports of undead on the LVC campus surface, some wonder whether or not the college is appropriately prepared for a zombie apocalypse. Last year, the administration allotted no funds towards zombie prevention programs and dismissed a proposed armory of firearms and blunt instruments to be made readily available for students should a mass outbreak occur

my roommate would just stare into space," says Julie Smith '12, biology. "Sometimes she'd start staring at me while I was just minding my own business, and she'd look really glazed over. It freaked me out."

The school released the results of their search at a press conference this morning.

"We ask that the campus com-

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'Chicken Tender Thursdays' no more

NANCY ANN CIANCI '5309
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The dreaded has occurred. Starting this coming Thursday, LVC Dining Services is taking away Chicken Finger Thursdays and replacing it with Cod Nugget Thursdays.

After a long-standing tradition of serving chicken fingers, macaroni and cheese, and waffle fries every Thursday for lunch, Dining Services decided to switch things up.

"Frankly, I don't like seeing those kids so happy," states the director of Dining Services here at LVC. "I thrive off their frowns."

In order to be sure to wipe the smiles off of students' faces, the cafeteria will be serving lima beans and sauerkraut along with the cod nuggets.

When asked what the stimulus was for this change, the director replied that the meal was too "childish and elementary." He says that LVC students need to grow up and

eat more sophisticated meals.

The change to more "sophisticated meals," however, is prompting angry reactions in the student body.

"I no longer see a point in waking up on Thursdays," says Greg Newman '11, a one-time fan of the eradicated Chicken Finger Thursdays. "The anticipation of eating that glorious meal of chicken tenders, mac and cheese, and waffle fries was the motivation that kept me going through a stressful

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New organization strives to make students' lives miserable

TIGERWIND '314
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

After years of speculation and offhand comments from students nationwide, professors at Lebanon Valley College have confirmed that there is, in fact, collaboration among the faculty to assign projects and copious amounts of homework at the most inopportune times possible.

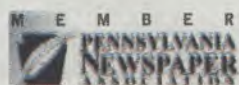
"We really like to coordinate our efforts to make life on our students as miserable as we can," says one professor, who wishes to remain anonymous. "Back in college, we were subjected to much the same, and so now we make sure this long-standing tradition of denying students any semblance of a social life is upheld."

This cult of academic injustice, dubbed FAUCKU (Faculty Assign-

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week. Now what do I have to look forward to...cod? Maybe I'll transfer."

Many students—including one Mr. LVC contestant—insisted that Chicken Finger Thursdays were their favorite thing about LVC, but the cafeteria is deaf to the students' pleas.

"One time they served chicken nuggets instead of chicken fingers," says Karen Oulahan '11, whose favorite meal at LVC was the beloved chicken fingers. "We asked them to never stray from the chicken fingers, and they brought them back. Now look what's happened!"

According to students, the comment box in the cafeteria is overflowing, but the Dining Service workers refuse to open it.

Some students are planning to boycott the cafeteria each Thursday afternoon.

"The plan is to sit directly out-

side the cafeteria each Thursday and eat Easy Mac," says the leader of the boycott group, who wishes to remain anonymous. "We're going to block the doors into the caf and surround the ID card desk. We're keeping this up until they decide to give our chicken fingers back."

There is speculation that the director of Dining Services had a bad experience with chicken fingers while growing up, but he offers no comment in response to this inquiry.

"Just because both [cod nuggets and chicken fingers] are fried doesn't mean we'll love them just as much," one LVC student writes on a comment card. "Nothing can replace the incredible combination of chicken fingers and macaroni and cheese."

What used to be a lively cafeteria each Thursday is sure to become a very solemn place.

CULT: 'We want to strike fear into their hearts'

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ing Unreasonable Class-work Constantly and Unconditionally), is rumored to be headed by a member of the English Department, and meets in a secret passage behind the whiteboard in Chapel 101 every third Tuesday of the month at precisely six seconds after 6:06p.m. According to our sources, the typical FAUCKU meeting consists of roll call, planning assignments for upcoming breaks followed by the sacrifice of a young goat, and finally a summary of recent syllabus changes. Short rounds of diabolical laughing are interspersed as necessary.

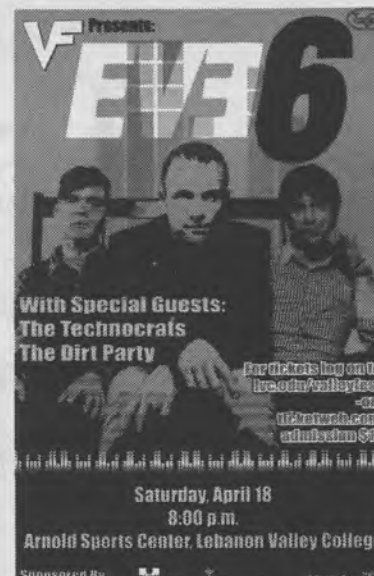
"Turns out a lot of my students are also in a fellow FAUCKU member's history class," said one professor. "During our addressing of syllabus changes, I found that a midterm paper in my class was due a whole week later than his class's

PowerPoint presentation assignment. We fixed that problem right up, though; now they're due on the same day."

The organization seems to operate with incredible coordination, using pop quizzes to ambush students in a fashion not unlike Vietcong guerilla tactics. However, the fact that only a select few know who reports to whom leads many to believe that FAUCKU is only a small cell of a national movement.

"We want to strike fear into their hearts, so that they will always be studying; always working," said a high-ranking member of the organization on the LVC campus.

FAUCKU says it is always looking for new members and invites interested faculty to come out for free maniacal scheming seminars and cookies.



Eve 6 tickets on sale starting March 30th. \$12 for LVC students

ZOMBIES: Effects of zombification 'not immediate'

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munity remains calm in this situation," spokeswoman Jewel Edwards said, speaking on behalf of the school. "It has come to the college's attention that a number of students are currently suffering from what can best be termed *zombinus morirus*."

"In layperson's terms, she means that the kids are turning into zombies," Officer Milano said. "I'm sure we'll see this impacting their studies, as well."

Students immediately voiced concerns regarding the diagnosis.

"I knew something weird was up when I first called Public Safety," says Suzanne Thomas '10, Elementary Education. "I was sitting in the Funkhouser East lounge and when I looked out the window, there was this really stiff-looking guy sort of lurking about outside. He looked like he was trying to get into the West side, so I left and called Public Safety. They never found him, and the next day, one of the RAs started

acting really strangely."

The RA, senior music recording technology major James Horn, has been removed by authorities for testing at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center. *La Vie Collegienne* attempted to contact Horn, but he was only able to respond in a series of inaudible groans. The hospital staff informed all members of the press that Horn will be unavailable for comment until further notice.

As of press time, twelve students have been removed from campus for medical evaluation. Because the zombification is not always immediate, there may be more students currently infected with zombie traits.

Dr. Cash Francis of the National Institute for Supernatural Afflictions in Omaha, Neb., says that students should keep an eye on all of their fellow residents.

"Pop culture has made us think that after a zombie attack, the vic-

tim either dies or becomes a zombie as well. This is not always the case, especially in central Pennsylvania, where the concentration and strength of zombies is likely to be weaker than in other parts of the world," Francis says. "If a student was attacked by a zombie, it is possible that it may take up to 48 hours for the full effects of the attack to be apparent."

Francis advises that students look for symptoms of zombification, including a glazed appearance in the eye region, loss of color to skin, stiffness of joints and reduced mobility, listlessness, and a reduction in coherency of speech.

"For about two weeks, I kept seeing these really stiff-looking dudes clomping about on the lawn," says Julie Bayhouley '11, a resident of Silver Hall. "I live in the basement, so I could see their legs going by my window while I was trying to sleep. It was really weird, and they kept making this awful noise. I didn't

know what the heck was going on."

Bayhouley said she gradually began to notice a change in her friend at the end of the hall.

"Evie was always so bouncy and loud and about a week ago I noticed that she looked really sick," Bayhouley says. "After about two days she started to look really gray and just sort of sat there or lurked around the common room. She started to chase after people as they walked by."

Bayhouley contacted Shroyer Health Center in regards to her friend's condition, and the student has since been removed from campus for further observation and treatment. Counseling will be available for students affected by their friends' attacks.

Public Safety and the authorities ask that students watch for strange behavior in members of the campus and town community. Any suspicious behavior or appearances should be reported imme-

diately. Should a serious zombie problem arise before authorities reach the scene, students are advised to clear the area as quickly as possible.

"We feel we have this thing under control," Officer Milano says. "But if a rouge zombie goes unnoticed and students feel endangered, we advise they relocate to a well-populated area such as a shopping mall."

Milano says that in the event of such an emergency, students should wait in the evacuation area until further notice.

"Technical guidelines indicate that armored vehicles would be helpful as well, but we understand that many students drive regular sedans," he says.

Any and all suspicious activities or appearances should be immediately reported to Public Safety at 867-6111 and to Health Services at 867-6232.

Happy April Fools' Day!For some not-so ridiculous articles, Please See **REAL NEWS** | Page 3

*Note: The names of all those mentioned in the previous articles are completely fictitious, made-up, and figments of our collective imagination

NEWS

Hillel promotes Jewish culture

Organization seeks to become involved despite small membership

STUART JEFFCOAT '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Perhaps you received a dreidel kit outside of Mund Center on Hanukkah. Or maybe you saw the tent structure outside Mund in October and wondered what it was for. These activities are the work of Hillel, LVC's resident Jewish group.

The group meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 8:30 p.m. in Faust Lounge. The group is small, with four students being the most to ever attend a meeting.

While technically not a club, Hillel is run like one, with Chaplain Fulmer effectively filling the role of advisor. Fulmer attends every meeting and helps to finance the activities with some of the money he receives for discretionary spending in campus religious life.

Hillel itself is a nationwide organization with chapters on over 500 campuses.

Unfortunately, size constraints do limit the potential of what the group can accomplish.

"Four people certainly isn't the ideal size," said Rachel Siegel '10, the group's president. Siegel joined

the group as a 19 year-old freshman to stay involved in the faith and meet new people.

"I send e-mails to about fifteen people each week, and then the meeting is whoever comes," she said. "Though, anyone is welcome, Jewish or not."

So what exactly does Hillel do?

The group's major purpose, as stated on the official website, is to provide opportunities for Jewish students to learn and celebrate their faith and generally work to "promote a Renaissance of Jewish life."

Chaplain Fullmer explained that the most important role of Hillel is to allow and facilitate the celebration of Jewish holidays, both for Jewish students and non-Jewish students who may be interested in experiencing the faith and culture.

How does Hillel accomplish this at LVC?

Each year at Hanukkah, the group hands out dreidel kits in an effort to inform people about the holiday. Hillel also works together with the closest temple to the school: Beth Israel in Lebanon. The temple sets aside pews for members of the group for services, especially those on major holidays.

At Sukkoth, a remembrance of the Jews' time wandering the desert looking for the Promised Land, the group builds a tent-like structure outside of Mund in celebration. The tent is commemorative and representative of the ones that the Jews lived in when they followed Moses through the desert.

LVC provides transportation to Beth Israel for all major Jewish holiday ceremonies. Last year the group hosted a speaker to talk about the extreme violence and conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Hillel also has events planned for the near future.

"There's a movie being shown at Beth Israel about art made in concentration camps during the Holocaust on April 21 at 7 p.m.," says Siegel.

The event is open to anyone with interest in the matter and takes place on Yom Hashoa, or Holocaust Remembrance Day. Any questions regarding the film should be directed to Chaplain Fullmer.

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SGA Update

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Dean Krikorian was present at the SGA meeting to give college updates. "The college is spending a lot of money on student retention," stated Krikorian. Approximately 85% of first year students remain at LVC for the next academic school year. "We would like to increase that [number]," said Krikorian.

To increase student retention, the school is targeting four populations:

1. The overall campus
2. First year students
3. Transfer students
4. Students of color

LVC loses students of color at a higher rate than any other group.

In other action at its Monday meeting, the SGA:

Habitat for Humanity was approved for full club status. Representing Habitat for Humanity was Heather Howard '11 and Anusha Iyer '11. They meet Wednesday nights.

Ball Room Dancing was approved for full club status. 35-40 people attend each lesson.

The SGA is sponsoring \$6,000 towards the Newspaper Readership Program for the 2009-2010 academic school year.

The tray less period is going to remain in effect for the rest of the semester. A final decision will be made during the Fall '09 semester.

Stanson Hall is on schedule. The building has reached full occupancy for the 2009-2010 academic school year.

Upcoming events:

LVC Live
New York City Bus Trip on April 4
Holocaust Museum on April 4
Softball tournament
Dutchmen Day

Student Concerns:

The library has occasionally been locking the outside doors 15 minutes early; health center doctors don't have accommodating hours; glitch in the swipe system for the New Student Center; second floor water fountain in Humanities has been out of service for a couple of weeks; and healthier salad dressings.

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'Break it down, so we can built it up'

TONY GORICK '11
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Habitat for Humanity at Lebanon Valley College will be hosting a Dance-A-Thon to promote various issues with housing problems in Lebanon City and around the country.

While many people will see the Dance-A-Thon as just dancing, they will be impressed to find out it is so much more.

"The Dance-A-Thon will be a four-hour event, including the main contest to see who can dance the longest," says Heather Howard '11, a chemistry student at LVC and prominent individual with Habitat for Humanity at the college. In addition, she notes that there will be "a contest for the best

costume, a DDR contest, and gingerbread, marshmallow, and toothpick house-building contests."

The event is a large-scale fundraiser to promote Habitat for Humanity's presence on the LVC campus.

Howard emphasizes the importance of the event and also talks of how crucial it can be for people in need.

"We will use funds raised to go on a spring break trip to another part of the country in order to build homes," Howard says. She also explains that money will be contributed to the local Lebanon organization and other Habitat for Humanity chapters in the country.

And who can turn down a night of excitement?

"It will be a lot of fun!" Howard exclaims. "Even if you don't dance,

there will be music, contests, raffles, and, best of all, you get to wear your Halloween costume again!"

Halloween costume or not, Howard encourages everyone to come and participate.

"It should be very entertaining... plus, it benefits a good cause," she says. "We thought a dance-a-thon would be a fun way to help us accomplish our goals."

The event begins on Friday, April 3, at 10 p.m. and ends Saturday, April 4, at 2 a.m.

It will be held at The Underground in the Mund College Center. Admission is \$3 and people are also encouraged to bring extra money for raffles and various baked goods.

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CAMPUS CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

3-24-09 | White Oak Street extended

Vehicle citation/disorderly conduct

Three non-students were stopped on campus by Annville Township Police Department/ PA State Police for displaying a BB gun from their vehicle in Annville Township; they were charged by the PA State Police

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Features

Relay a success

CAITLIN MURPHY '12
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

On Friday night, March 27, one word sustained the LVC campus: hope.

The Relay for Life opening ceremony began the evening with heart-felt stories of struggle and inspiring tales of fight. One of the speakers was LVC's own Stephanie Lewis, a member of facilities services. State legislator Maureen Gingrich also offered information about upcoming bills that would help make the fight against cancer easier for future cancer patients.

Thirty-seven survivors came to the ceremony and as they began their survivor lap, tears began rolling down the cheeks of students.

The activities of the evening began at 4:00 p.m. with the Knock-Out Tournament. Throughout the night, students played basketball, walked around the track, melted ice, or received a haircut—in some cases, a shave.

Some of LVC's finest studs were laced up head to toe in flashy outfits, showing off their "feminine" selves in the Miss Relay contest. "Rachel" Rich Drazin '11 was named Miss Relay after raising the most funds of \$44.36.

Twenty brave students volunteered to have their subconscious put to the test by undergoing Brad Clark's hypnosis. Clark's words manipulated students and had some counting incorrectly, forgetting first names, and peeing pants (hypothetically, of course). The participants were also unable to walk through doorways and could not recall past actions.

Around 3 a.m., the closing ceremony began by honoring reward recipients and celebrating this year's success in raising \$38,500. Although the CAC (Colleges Against Cancer) placed an ambitious goal of \$45,000 dollars, the LVC students came close and members were thrilled that this year's Relay raised \$10,000 more than last year's efforts.

President Megan McGrady '11 and the rest of the CAC organized the event, and over 500 students from 53 registered teams donated thousands of dollars that will benefit the American Cancer Society and, in turn, future cancer patients.

Relay for Life 2009

Photo essay by Tony Gorick '11



Arts & Entertainment

Pulitzer winner to read

NOELLE BARRETT '11
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Stephen Dunn, Pulitzer Prize winner and poet, will speak on Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in Leedy Theater.

Dunn has performed readings at numerous colleges and has already appeared on LVC's campus several times in the past.

Dunn began to write poetry when he was in his mid-twenties after he quit his job to take a chance on writing. He eventually attempted to write a novel, which turned into a book of poetry. Since then, Dunn earned his master's degree from Syracuse University in creative writing in 1970. He has taught creative writing at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey since 1974 and has also been a visiting professor of several universities.

To date, Dunn is the author 16 books and collections of poems. Dr. Philip Billings, an English professor at LVC, is a friend of Dunn's and acknowledges

the changes in Dunn's poetry throughout the years. "A lot of his earlier work is directly autobiographical," says Billings. In one published interview from the *Cortland Review* online, Dunn said his poetry doesn't fit a particular category.

"I don't think I write one kind of poem," he says. "If I were to be reductive, however, I might say it's a poem in which I want to exhibit a constant presence of mind in service of how it feels to be alive." Dunn uses unique images to convey deep messages, such as in his poem "Beneath the Sidewalk."

Recently, Stephen Dunn won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 2001 for his collection *Different Hours*.

In a recent PBS interview, Dunn commented on his prize-winning collection.

"When I wrote the poem 'Different Hours,' it seemed to collect a lot of poems around it," he says.



<http://blog.syracuse.com/shelflife/2008/06/dunn.jpg>

"It started to take on the different hours of not only my life, but I hope that my life is resonating into the life of others in this particular time."

Dunn's work also resonates throughout the decades.

"His poem 'To a Terrorist' became very popular after 9/11," says Billings, even though it was published in 1989.

lished in 1989.

Dunn's most recent work, *What Goes On: Selected and New Poems* will be available at the poetry reading on April 15.

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The Friday Night Dutchman

Friday, April 3, 2009

9:00 p.m.

Leedy Theater

Performer:

The Adult Circus

This circus for grown-ups features racy contortionists, trapeze artists, and torch singers.

10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.

Underground

Habitat for

Humanity Dance -a-thon

Come support LVC HFH in style! Get out your halloween costume or dress up formally for our costume party theme. There will be fun contests and prizes. Admission is only \$3.

compiled by Alyssa Bender '11

New Annville Diner gives students late night grub

ALYSSA BENDER '11
FEATURES EDITOR

When you walk into the Annville Diner, the décor does not resemble the type of eatery its name suggests—it looks like a nice, family-style restaurant. However, when you turn around and see the glass case full of pies and cakes, you know you're at a diner.

The Annville Diner, which opened in February, is the newest addition to downtown Annville. Before its opening, the nearest diner was The Hearth, a ten minute drive toward Lebanon. Since col-

lege students are known for getting the munchies at all hours, a diner seems to be a good addition to the town—especially within walking distance of the campus.

While the atmosphere is more like a nice sit-down restaurant than a diner, the hours are remarkable. The diner is open 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and Thursday through Sunday, it is open 24 hours.

Still, students may feel a little bit out-of-place eating their waffles at 1:30 in the morning at a nice table overlooking downtown Annville and not in a booth surrounded by

smoking bikers.

The décor does, however, make it a nice place to take your family when they visit. The menu offers a wide variety from breakfast items to wraps and sandwiches, pasta and burgers.

Like any good diner, the Annville Diner has its own breakfast special: two eggs, two pancakes or French toast, and bacon or sausage for \$6.25—not bad for all you are getting. However, the diner does add \$1 to your bill if you order breakfast after 11:00 a.m. Wraps and sandwiches are \$6.95, which includes fries, coleslaw, a pickle,

and a cup of the soup. Burgers are reasonably priced at \$3.45.

The portions are ample; you may even end up taking home some leftovers. The service is acceptable as well, as is the quality and temperature of the food. They are willing to make substitutions, even offering potato chips instead of fries when the option isn't listed on the menu. The diner is a great alternative to other local restaurants in town that also have great food but at a higher cost.

If you're looking for an eatery with a variety of food, sensible prices, and within a short walk from

campus, the new Annville Diner is a great place to start.

Rating:



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DEAR READERS:

I'm sure that all of you have realized that all the content on pages 1 and 2 in this week's edition of *La Vie* has been, in a word, silly. Truth be told, this is not a new phenomenon; *La Vie* has had a long-standing tradition of having an April Fools' Edition.

I admittedly have not been at the college long enough to know for certain, but I believe last year was the first time in recent memory that the paper did not have any even semi-ridiculous content this time of year. At any rate, after last year's lack of outlandish news we received several requests demanding its prompt return, not ruling out the possibility of a thorough spamming of angry "Letters to the Editor" should we fail to comply. Looking over the projected print dates earlier this year and seeing that we had an issue coming out on April 1st (and an ink splotch on the page that vaguely resembled the Virgin Mary) we decided that the Gods of Satire would surely smite us if we didn't oblige this time.

However, we felt it would also be a crime to not give the real news of the week its due credit, and so instead of making the entire issue a collegiate version of *The Onion* as in years past, we opted to put our April Fools' Day content solely on

pages 1 and 2.

My main point in writing this message is to note that all of the content generated for the April Fools' portion of this issue (and this editorial) is said with tongue-in-cheek. Some of it satirizes reality,



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some of it is blatantly ridiculous, but all of it is meant solely to entertain.

Thus, we hope you've enjoyed this issue of *La Vie Collegienne*, and we hope that in future weeks your concerns will be filling this slot on the Perspectives page. More notable newspapers have made it common practice for the editors to address their opinions on important issues. My feeling is that I'd rather hear it from you, the people, because I view our job at *La Vie* to report solely the facts and let the reader decide what to make of them. We want to be fair and balanced...just like good ole' FOX News and MSNBC.

In conclusion, we hope you've enjoyed this week's break from business as usual, and to follow the generally accepted standard for such editorials, here's a cliché but appropriate quote to end on. As Monty Python great John Cleese once said, "He who laughs most, learns best."

Sincerely,

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TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

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LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Q: I have been struggling with money recently, and I have had to find a part-time job while I'm at school. I really like to dance, and I was offered a job at a strip club that I kind of want to take. It pays good money, but I'm afraid of what my friends and family will think. What should I do?

- Say Yes to Stripping

Beth: I think everyone feels the struggle for jobs in this economy, especially college students who are preparing to enter a workforce that is very weak. However, I don't think stripping would be the way to go. There are plenty of opportunities on and off-campus where you could earn a few bucks.

I'm not saying that stripping is a horrible job, but it could be

dangerous for a young woman, especially a college student. You would have to deal with even more burdens such as sexual harassment, body issues, pride and self-esteem, or the embarrassing possibility of seeing someone you know.

Unfortunately, with the society we live in, people are judged. Your friends might not agree with what you are doing, and your family could have a huge problem with it. I know it would solve your money problems, but it would create a ton more that you would have to deal with. Don't make a hasty decision. Weigh the options, and go with your gut feeling. But if I were you, I would look into other options like J&S, MJ's, The Hearth, or even Wal-Mart.

Jen: Well you always hear some women claim they strip to

put themselves through college, but to be honest, I never actually thought it was true. And yes the economy is bad, but seriously? Is that the only job that you can come up with? I mean nothing against women who are strippers, but like Beth said, there are so many issues that can come up with working for a strip club.

Also, do you even know anything about being a stripper? I know that sounds like a stupid question, how hard can it be to take off your clothes and dance in front of a bunch of people? How much do they really make? Are they paid by the hour or dances? These are all probably good questions you should think about before you expose your goodies to strangers. But in all seriousness, unless you plan on being a stripper for the rest of your life, it's

probably going to end up causing more damage than good. If you were a business major and applying for a job with a prestigious company and they found out you were a stripper, I doubt they are going to want you representing their company. If you are having quite a time working the issue out, then your answer is right there. Don't do it.

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Take It or Leave It is an advice column with insight from seniors Beth Julian and Jen Fontanez. If you have a burning question regarding love, life, or anything else, feel free to submit them to us. Thanks for reading!

SPORTS

LVC strong against competitive field

CAITLIN MURPHY '12
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The onslaught of rain could not dampen the LVC track and field team's success over the weekend.

During the Virginia Military Institute/Washington and Lee University Track & Field Carnival three LVC athletes qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) meet.

In addition, LVC recorded numerous top ten finishes and new school records while competing against twenty-three different schools, including Division I competition.

At Washington and Lee University on Friday, the men and women's javelin throwers were very competitive. Zach Bleiler '11 set the bar with a throw of 52.41m, which earned him first place. Clint Surgenor '11 was close behind Bleiler with a throw of 51.52m, receiving third place honors. For the women, Amanda Knapp '09 and Jenn Reilly '10 received third and fourth place respectively; with throws of 35.03m and 30.76m. Knapp's throw was a personal best and it qualified her for the ECAC meet.

Despite the rain, the women's 1500-meter run went very well for Jenn Cronin '11, Megan Long '10, and Amy Willow '10. Cronin received

second place while breaking the 1986 LVC record with a time of 4:48.17 and qualifying for ECACs. Finishing in seventh place, Long ran 4:55.82, the third fastest time in school history and Willow finished with the ninth fastest time in school history (5:14.72). Meanwhile, Amanda Prone '10 clinched seventh place in the 10,000 m run (44:49.61).

Three discus throwers, Katie Campbell '09, Kelly Jamison '12 and Bleiler, finished in the top ten. Bleiler beat his personal record, qualified for ECACs and placed fourth with a throw of 42.46 m, while Campbell (33.04 m) and Jamison (28.59 m) arrived at fifth and ninth place.

Day two of events was held at Virginia Military Institute with the same rainy conditions.

Nevertheless, three of the women's and two of the men's relay teams finished in the top ten. Top ten finishes continued in hurdles, pole vault, sprinting, and jumping events.

In the men and women's pole vault, Michael Landshof '11 placed second, clearing 12'9, and Tracey Fortugno '10 cleared 8'10, receiving sixth place overall. Amanda Knapp jumped a distance of 32-8 1/4, giving her a tenth place finish.

In other events, Bryan Phan-

thavong '09, Jerome Duncan '12, Johanna Walker '12, and Kelsey Sherman '12 hurdled to top finishes. Phanthavong ran 16.30 and received fourth place in the 110 high hurdles as his freshman teammate Duncan followed closely behind at 16.40, earning sixth. The 100 hurdles finished in 16.90 and was a close draw between teammates Walker and Sherman for ninth place.

Other individual event winners were Josh Light '10 and Zach Bleiler. Light finished seventh, with a time of 11.36 seconds in the 100-m dash, and Bleiler continued his successful weekend with a ninth place hammer throw of 43.61m.

The women's 4x800 m relay team of Long, Cronin, Willow, and Lauren Johnson '10 broke the school record by 42 seconds and finished in third place with a time of 9:46.21 seconds.

"Everyone was so supportive of us as well, we had fans on both sides of the grand stands, so we couldn't have asked for a better time," says Cronin.

The young 4x100 relay, run by Nicole Gallo '12, Nicole Bara '12, Allix Sander '10, and Walker also finished strong, sprinting to a sixth place finish in a time of 52.46 seconds. Walker, and her 4x400 relay teammates Tiffany Frederick '12, Yesenia Santiago '09, and Mirand Killinger '11 also

made an impression, finishing in third place at 4:25.27.

The men's 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams took third and fifth place respectively. 4x100 relay sprinters Light, Justin Lee '11, Tyler Cisarik '10 and Duncan finished the race in 44.12 seconds. The experienced 4x400 relay team consisting of Chris Bauer '09, Tyler Cisarik, Jeff Anderson '09, and Courtland Hoose '10 finished in 3:30.58.

The total of 19 individual and 5 relay top ten finishes says a lot about the LVC track and field team; beating records and qualifying for championship meets seems to be a trend as this team continues to improve with each meet.

Distance coach James O'Brien was pleased with his athletes' success.

"This meet should serve as a huge confidence booster for us as we move closer to our championship season," says O'Brien.

"The team is working hard and we have our goal set to finish 4th at the MACs," says head coach Melissa Weidler. With goals set, the team is headed for more success.

The LVC track and field team next event will be at the York College Invitational on Saturday, April 4th.

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Scoreboard

Baseball:

3/25 vs. Ursinus	T, 10-10
3/27 vs. Messiah	W, 5-4
3/28 at Messiah-DH	W, 4-1; W-7-6
3/31 at York	L, 0-4

Softball:

3/25 at Gettysburg-DH	W, 4-0; W-12-4
3/28 vs. E-Town-DH	W, 5-2; W-9-1
3/31 vs. Del Val-DH	W, 6-0; W-6-0

Men's Tennis:

3/27 at PS-Harrisburg	W, 6-3
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Golf:

3/30 at York	8/10
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Track & Field:

3/27 at Washington & Lee	n/a
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Upcoming Games

For a comprehensive list of upcoming games please visit:

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BASEBALL: Falcons fall

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there, however.

Messiah had a rally of their own, scoring four runs and loading the bases with two outs for Ben Kirk, who proceeded to ground out to end the game.

"It felt great," said Zarilla, reliving his four-run blast. "I struggled the whole day swinging the bat and had two other chances to get the big hit for the team and let them down."

The Dutchmen's victory put their conference record to 3-0 and their overall record back over .500 at 12-11-1.

"The team [had] a great effort this weekend and our defense played really [well]," said Zarilla. "It feels really good to start the conference 3-0."

Yesterday, LVC attempted to continue its success as the squad travelled

to York College, but fell to the twelfth ranked Spartans by a final of 4-0. The loss knocked the Valley's record back to .500.

Starting pitcher Brian Miller '12 pitched a solid seven innings, giving up four runs (two earned) over seven innings in the outing.

Despite Miller's effort, the offense never got started against York's host of quality pitchers. The Valley collected only six hits in the outing and left nine men on base, but was unable to get anybody across the plate.

LVC (12-12-1, 3-0) will look to recapture its momentum when the squad travels to take on Widener University (11-8-1, 2-1) on Friday in Chester, Pa.

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SOFTBALL: Seven straight

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The Valley expanded the lead to 5-0 before Elizabethtown rallied to score two off Malizzia, but the Valley held on to win the game, 5-2.

In the second game, LVC dominated E-Town behind the arm of Laura Snyder '10, who held the Jays to just one run in the six innings played.

The Dutchmen got a quick 4-0 lead with three runs in the second and one in the third before opening the game up in the fifth inning. Classmates Caitlin Keller '10 and Alice Davies '10 contributed to a four run outburst in the fifth as the two both delivered RBI singles to help push the game out of E-town's reach. Keller finished the game with three RBIs.

Earlier in the week, LVC also had success against Gettysburg last Wednesday. The women proved their

ability, winning the opener, 4-0. That win was a result of a two run single by Meghan Donoghue '11 and a two run double by Janey Kozlowski '10.

The Dutchmen also won the second game, 12-4 in five innings.

The Valley again dominated at home against Delaware Valley in a double-header. Snyder took the ball in the first game, pitching a 2-hit shut-out while striking out 13. Offensively, Davies slammed a home run and recorded three RBIs while Keller drove in two runs of her own.

In game two, Malizzia and Kristen Palmerio '12 combined for a shut-out as Keller and Davies continued their success at the plate with 2 RBIs each.

LVC won both games, 6-0 each.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

ZACH BLEILER TRACK & FIELD

Bleiler won the javelin at the Virginia Military Institute/Washington & Lee Track Carnival against stiff competition. Bleiler also delivered top-10 performances in discus and hammer.



JENN CRONIN TRACK & FIELD

Cronin qualified for the ECACs in the 1500 meter run, finishing second on Friday.

On Saturday, Cronin broke a school record by 42 seconds and finished third as part of the 4x800 relay team.



VALLEY TALLY

The men's tennis team finished up another solid week, beating Penn State-Harrisburg 6-3 on Friday for their third consecutive win. The win also bumped the team's overall record to the .500 mark at 5-5 ... The Dutchmen golf squad played their first tournament of the spring at York College Monday. Charlie Fisher '09 and Mike Krajnik '09 led the way for the Valley, shooting 9 over on the day.



Bringing out the brooms

Baseball sweeps defending conference champs in three game series

STEVEN WISNER '09
LA VIE SPORTS EDITOR

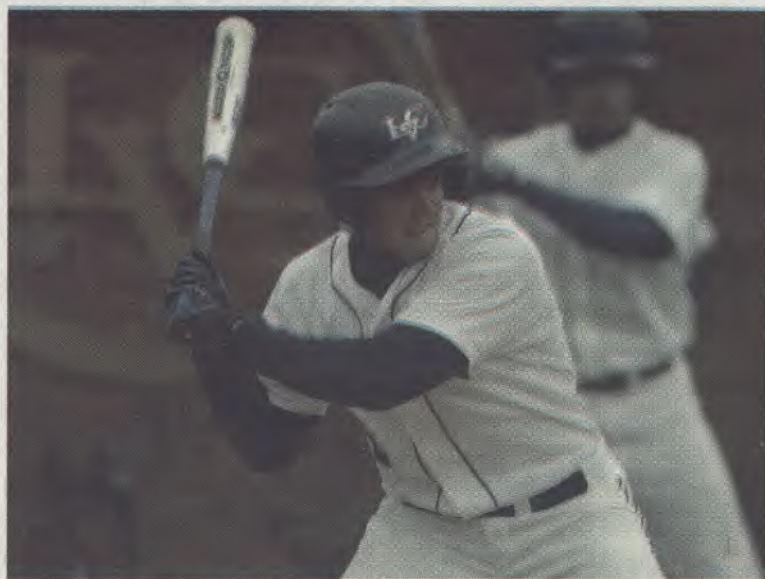
What a difference a year makes.

Last season, LVC failed to win a single conference game; this year, the team swept the defending conference champion Messiah College over weekend, dropping their conference record to a disappointing 1-5.

The Dutchmen took on the struggling Falcons from Messiah in three games over the weekend. Coming into the contests, Messiah had dropped three straight and six of their last eight games. The Valley took advantage of the struggling Falcons, sweeping the three-game set and the season series.

Coming off a 10-10 tie in ten innings with Ursinus College where right-fielder Derek Helwig '09 led the squad with three RBIs, LVC won its first conference game as the Valley hosted Messiah.

The Dutchmen got off to a quick lead with a four run inning in the bot-



Courtesy Sports Information

FINDING A GROOVE Grant Wiest '10 was hitting .352 on the season before yesterday's game. Wiest played a large role in the sweep against Messiah College with five hits, three runs, and three RBIs

tom of the first. Designated-hitter Grant Wiest '10 and shortstop Colt Zarilla '12 led off the rally with back-to-back one-out singles. After a second out, Helwig singled home Wiest and the scoring got underway. Bert

Malloy '09 and Brandon Stoothoff '09 both recorded an RBI before the inning was over.

The Valley tacked on one more run off an RBI single by Wiest in the sixth inning and held on to win the

game, 5-4.

Getting the win for LVC on the mound was Shane Specht '11 who pitched seven innings, giving up four runs (3 earned). Nate Blough '11 finished out the game, earning the two inning save, allowing no walks and only three hits.

On Saturday, the Valley travelled to Messiah for a double-header.

In the first game, Jake Becker '11 pitched a seven-inning complete game, giving up only one run, stranding the tying run at the plate in the last inning.

The Dutchmen took an early 2-0, before expanding the lead to four in the fifth inning off a two-run double by Wiest.

In the second half of the twinbill, the Valley took a 2-2 tie into the tenth inning before exploding with a five run inning with a grand slam off the bat of Zarilla and solo bomb by Joe Souplik '09. The drama did not stop

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Meehan makes the mark

RYAN ZVORSKY '09
CIRCULATION MANAGER

If you are a Flying Dutchmen men's basketball fan, you have heard of the names before.

Mike Rhoades '95. Andy Panko '99. J.D. Byers '05. Jimmy Curran '07.

Now, another player is following in the footsteps, as Joe Meehan '12, a Harleysville, Pa. native, earned the prestigious Freshman All-America award on Monday, according to D-III News.

Meehan, starting at point guard early in the 2008-09 season, recorded 9.1 points and 4.7 assists per contest. Starting in 22 games, the versatile guard averaged 29.4 minutes on the floor while shooting .417 (80-of-192). The six-foot Meehan was also able to bring down 80 rebounds and steal 32 passes on the year.

Two games last season really showcased Meehan's ability to be the next top-notch player in Head Coach Brad McAlester's system.

While hosting Widener, Meehan scored 20 points on 6-of-14 shooting while going 8-of-9 from the charity stripe. He played in all but three minutes of that game while keeping his team's playoff chances alive.

Just 17 days later, Meehan erupted against Elizabethtown, pouring in a career-best 23 points on 9-of-19 shooting, dishing out a game-high seven assists in 38 minutes.

On March 4, Meehan also received Commonwealth Conference Rookie of the Year accolades.

As a Saint Joseph's Prep player in high school, Meehan led his squad to the Philadelphia Catholic League Semifinals as a senior in 2008 while being named one of the city's top point guards, according to the Philadelphia Daily News. He is also the all-time leader in assists-per-game at Prep.

For the next three seasons, McAlester and his coaching staff have a special player in Meehan.

Tacking on the "W"s

SHERAE JONES '11
LA VIE SPORTS WRITER

With a flawless conference record still in tact, the Valley softball squad sits atop the conference standings.

Val Malizzia '10 has dominated the opposition so far this season to the tune of a 2.09 earned run average before yesterday's twinbill.

Due in large part to a new school record for consecutive scoreless innings with 26, Malizzia has been named the Commonwealth Conference pitcher of the week for the third consecutive week.

During this past week, the sophomore dished out a couple more outstanding performances, including a three-hit shutout against Gettysburg in the 4-0 victory in the opening game of the doubleheader and a 13 strikeout game in game one against E-town on Saturday.

While Malizzia has been impres-

sive on the season, her story is not complete, because she is just one person on a talented team.

LVC's softball team is by far one of the most successful athletic teams on campus, boasting a perfect conference record. The continued that conference success on Saturday against Elizabethtown as the Dutchmen had an impressive showing, sweeping the Blue Jays in the doubleheader. The team improved to 16-6 overall record (6-0 in conference) with the victories.

The Dutchmen opened up the game knocking in three runs in the first inning to capture the 3-0 lead and never looked back as third-baseman Allie Davies '10 ripped a three-run double into the gap in left-center field.

Great plays were made throughout the day behind Malizzia as the team only allowed six Blue Jays to reach base in the first game.

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Courtesy Sports Information

IMPROBABLE GAME, IMPOSSIBLE TO FORGET! The 1994 men's Lebanon Valley men's basketball squad still remembers their improbable season where it turned Division III basketball upside-down and won the national championship behind then-coach, Pat Flannery. Since then, Flannery has gone on to coach Bucknell, leading them to an NCAA tournament appearance this year. Nevertheless, Flannery remembers the Valley's 1993-94 season. Since it is the 15th anniversary of that magnificent season, d3hoops.com and **The Patriot News** both did features on the team that was led by All-American point-guard Michael Rhoades '95. Both Flannery and Rhoades currently find themselves amongst the members of the Lebanon Valley College Athletic Hall of Fame. Rhoades was recently given an additional honor when he became the fifth basketball player to have his uniform number retired. His jersey is now hung from the rafters of the LVC Gymnasium alongside the legendary Howie Landa '55 who helped lead the 1952-53 squad to the Sweet-16.

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WELCOME TO VALLEYFEST 2009

Heather Meier '09
VF 2009 Chair

As President of the student-run ValleyFest Committee, I would like to say hello and welcome to Lebanon Valley Col-

lege's ValleyFest 2009! This year's festival should prove to be a spectacular and fun-filled day! Outdoor events will be taking place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday, April 18. Check out LVC's Mund Stage, located in the social quad, to hear LVC student bands, or the Chapel Stage, located in the academic quad, to enjoy local musical acts!

We also would like to welcome Tiger Karate Studio, ZOO AMERICA, Mad Cow Improv, and Su-

zanne Dance Studio to this year's ValleyFest. Performances from these groups will be held throughout the day in the academic quad. Stop by the Children's Activities area to come face to face with many loveable animals brought to you by 4H Clubs, and check out tie-dye, face painting, and more! Walk through our vast array of food vendors and pick up a turkey leg or smoothie while enjoying the beautiful sun! Be sure to fully digest your food before racing

through the challenging Adrenaline Rush Obstacle Course or trying your luck on our Mechanical Bull!

Take note of the wide variety of local and not so local crafters who have brought their goods to ValleyFest. Be sure to stick around for our evening concert featuring national headlining band EVE6 and LVC student bands The Dirt Party and The Technocrats, playing at the Arnold Sports Center at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door. With so many great activities to choose from, enjoy your visit to Lebanon Valley College to the fullest, and most of all: **HAVE FUN!**

Yours truly,

Heather Meier '09
ValleyFest Committee Chair, 2009

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Spring Awakening to open this weekend

NOELLE BARRETT '11
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

If you can't speak German, have no fear. Stephanie Henrich '09 is director of Frank Wedekind's *Frühlings Erwachen* or *Spring Awakening* and has translated the play into English, even adding a special twist for the Wig and Buckle Company's performances.

Spring Awakening was originally written in German, but there are many translations. The play is about three teenagers' search for truth.

"Wendla [Bergmann, played by Emily Gertenbach '11] wants to know where babies come from. Moritz [Stiefel, played by Brian Stefaniak '11] wants to know the truth about sex. He's very confused. Melchior [Gabor, played by Ben Long '10] searches for the truth about what's important about life. [The play] is a quest for truth, and truth is very controversial," says Henrich.

There are some heavy topics that characters encounter which

include rape, suicide, domestic violence, child abuse, and abortion. When the original play was released, it was considered so controversial that it was banned from the stage in Germany for over 50 years.

However, "Wig and Buckle is not a stranger to controversial plays," according to Dr. Kevin Pry, Wig and Buckle's advisor.

"*Spring Awakening* is even more heavy than *The Laramie Project*. There are some funny moments [in the play] but it is very dramatic," says Henrich.

The play, set in the 1890s, has a lot of dialogue and wording that isn't up to date. Henrich wanted a more modern take on the play, so she put a new spin on *Spring Awakening* by setting it in the 1950s. This meant she had the chance to make little tweaks in the scenes.

"There's a scene in the original [translation] where a man uncertain of his sexuality is fantasizing about Desdemona [from Shakespeare's *Othello*]. Steph [Henrich]

has the same scene but has him fantasizing about Marilyn Monroe," says Pry.

The characters in *Spring Awakening* live in a repressive society so the setting was very important to the play's structure.

"It has to be set where the adult-world has a visible and somewhat restrictive set of social norms," says Pry.

"The ending is different than most endings are," says Henrich. "[The play] has a 1950s jazz feel."

The plays that Wig and Buckle put on are chosen by the Season Selection Committee comprised of a member of each class, the Wig and Buckle president, and the advisor.

"*Spring Awakening* stood out because it [contains] stuff that's pretty hot right now," continues Henrich.

Henrich encourages everyone to come out to see the play, but also stresses that you should come with an open mind.

"It really touches upon things that aren't in everyday conversa-



CAMPUS CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

4-8-09 | Funkhouser Hall

Fire alarm pull stations

Someone pulled a fire alarm station in the hallway of Funkhouser at approximately 9:30 p.m. on April 8, 2009, and another fire alarm was pulled in Blair Music Center at 1:15 a.m. on April 9, 2009. If anyone has information concerning these acts, please contact Public Safety Office at X6111.

4-11-09 | Railroad Crossing

Knife found

A knife was found by three non-students walking along the banks near the railroad tracks. They turned the knife over to a LVC Public Safety Officer. PSO gave the knife to Annville Township Police Department.

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

tion," she says. "The cast of 24 are outstanding. They brought my dreams to life."

Opening night for *Spring Awakening* is Valleyfest Weekend and the show will run until April 26.

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Dutchman Day arrives just in time

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Take it off!

... class that is.

Dutchmen Day 2009 kicked off Thursday, April 3 on a foggy morning. The fog slowly turned into sunshine as the event benefited from a wonderfully warm and bright day sandwiched between days of rain.

The excitement?

Class cancellations, warm weather, inflatable items, and free food. The Mardi-Gras themed day had black shirts with the Dutchman on it, complete with hat and beads. Students who were early were able to snatch one right away while others had to win them via games.

Students could participate in egg balloon tosses, check out the movie *Step Brothers* in Leedy Theater, try their eating skill in the pie-eating contest, and much more. Music could be heard during the meals and excited the atmosphere.

Dutchman Day also included the Mr. and Miss LVC contest in Leedy Theater where students could check out to see who was in the running.

Although rain came later, it fortunately stopped in time for the evening bonfire. Free French fries and funnel cakes proved to be popular even though the field with the vendors was soaked with muddiness. It didn't stop the festivities from continuing into the evening. In addition, *Drillbit Taylor* provided students with a late-night movie located in Arnold.

The day proved to be a success. And with the sunshine came countless sun-burned faces the next day, but it was well worth it for the break in the week.

Dutchman Day 2009 came and went with ease as summer the next big break from classes closes in.

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Stanson Hall for the Fall: Mission Possible

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ValleyFest often brings community members to the college campus in the spring, but something else might be drawing some attention.

Some may be wondering what the new construction is all about here on the Lebanon Valley College campus. After the completion of the Neidig-Garber Science Center last year, Lebanon Valley College quickly embraced a new project. As a result, a new residence hall has been under construction since May 2008.

Stanson Hall, named for Gregory Stanson '63, vice president

emeritus for enrollment and student services, will accommodate 148 students with three floors of single and double rooms with a pod-style environment.

The addition of the new residence hall has allowed for student input. Throughout the past year, students have been asked to evaluate furniture and room design and were able to tour the construction zone.

The three-floor building will house both males and female students. Common areas will be located on each floor to provide students with study areas, as well as a place for students to relax.

The air-conditioned building will include laundry rooms and wireless Internet access throughout

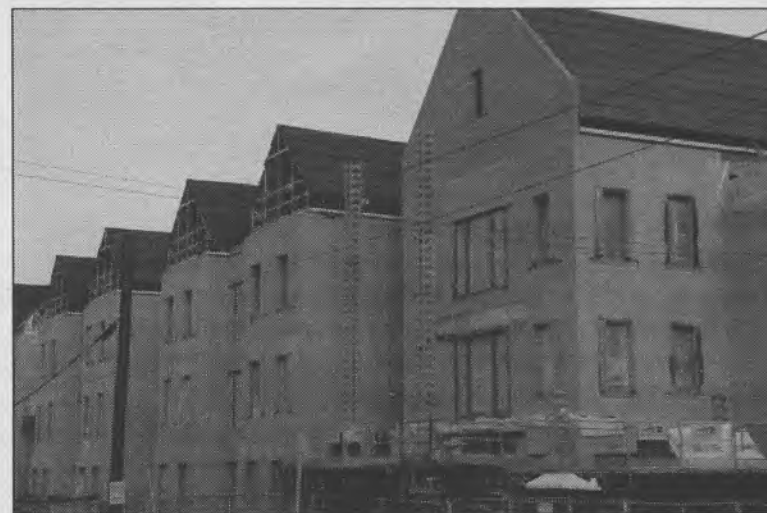
the dorm for the residents.

According to Gregory Krikorian, Vice President of Student Affairs, "Stanson Hall is on track/schedule and scheduled to be complete (but for minor details) in early July."

During the room selection process for the next academic year, held three weeks ago, Stanson Hall was a "hot commodity" according to Krikorian.

"The large number of singles and pod-style environment is appealing to students. The 'newness' is also very appealing," said Krikorian.

Stanson Hall will begin housing students this coming fall.



Ben Waltz '11 / LA VIE

COMPLETION The new residence hall has been causing much excitement among students during the recent room selection. Stanson Hall is set to be completed this coming July and will be ready to house students in the fall of 2009.

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Artistic Padox brings together LVC and community

TONY GORICK '11
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Love and fear.

Two terms that seem opposite each other collided at MJ's Coffeehouse in Annville this past Monday, April 13, in the form of an art and poetry exhibition. The week-long event "Love and Fear: A Juried Exhibition" encourages the expression of both love and fear through artistic mediums.

"The entire event is designed to do two things," said Rachel Luckenbill, an English professor at Lebanon Valley College. "One, to draw people into conversation about these topics and two, engage with people that cross different boundaries and worldviews."

Why the theme?

"It is important to create explo-

ration into ideas that are relationally based," Luckenbill said. She further emphasized the need for people to be able to connect with a topic artistically. In addition, she wanted to create a way to open up discussion on varying beliefs and ideas resulting from a common theme.

Over twenty pieces of art were submitted to the exhibit. Dr. Grant Taylor, Assistant Professor of Art History and Digital Communications at LVC, juried the artwork.

"My judging was based on two criterions: how well is the artist engaged with the themes of 'Love and Fear' and the level the artist achieved on a technical basis," said Dr. Taylor.

First place artwork went to Jessica Chadwick, a resident in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. She is active in community public art and mural design, a mentor in the Police Athletic League's Mentoring in the Arts program, and helps jury various exhibitions. Her artwork "In the Sunset of Dissolution," everything is illuminated and longing to be weighed down. Intense fulfillment is depicted in two separate drawings that were judged as a pair.

"I want people to challenge themselves to not see things in black and white but peer between the lines and note - the rich possibility of grey areas - open their minds to the possibilities that ex-

ist between the realm of black and white," Chadwick said.

Dr. Taylor thought that Chadwick successfully "engaged the theme and was technically very good. Both the expressions of love and fear are found in the entanglement of human forms."

As for the second place slot, the award goes to Rachel Eck '11 of LVC. Her artwork "Awakening" also captured the theme of the exhibit, but in a different way. It was "much more positive and exuberant expression of love—and the fear that sometime follows this basic human emotion," explained Dr. Taylor. "There is immediacy and freshness in the way Eck approached her canvas."

"This piece was painted in order to address the conflicting desires of emerging as an individual," Eck said. She also mentions that there can be "fear of encountering the imagined consequences of such a self-discovery."

Both artists have their work displayed and featured in the exhibit at MJ's all week long along with the other art submissions.

Poetry was also a medium used in the exhibit. Individuals could submit poems to be juried by Ann Fisher-Wirth, acclaimed poet and writer who is from the University of Mississippi. She has been nominated six times for The Pushcart prize, the award for the best of the small presses. Her professional in-

put helped select the winning poems.

The first-place poem "A Stolen Image" was written by Bob Vucic, adjunct instructor of English at Lebanon Valley College. Vucic is well known for his journalism and editing abilities and has had editing experience with *The Patriot-News* in Harrisburg. His poem captured the intensity of the theme and impressed Ann Fisher-Wirth as well as the student readers at LVC. The poem is featured in the poetry section of the display at MJ's along with two other poems written by Vucic.

The second-place poem "Cinder and the Doctor" was written by student Gloria Guardiola. She hopes that her work makes an impact with the people who see it and that she can touch people with her style.

"Cinder and the Doctor" isn't literal or specific but it is intimate and loaded with symbolic references," she said. "To finally connect with my poetry on all levels and be able to share it with others has been liberating." This poem along with her other submitted work can be found alongside Vucic's in the poetry section of the exhibit.

Other selections of poetry are also on display.

The exhibit has already featured the Invisible Children Organization when their newest film *The Rescue of Joseph Kony's Child Soldiers* was

screened at the Allen Theatre this past Monday. Tying into the theme, the film drew attention to various problems with certain terrorist organizations and their kidnapping of African children and then forcing them to become soldiers. In addition, a poetry reading and musical lineup was showcased last night at MJ's with featured poets who submitted work and various local musicians.

The next event is tomorrow, Thursday, April 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. at MJ's coffeehouse where an artist and poet reception will take place. Everyone is invited to interact with those who created the artwork and poetry featured in the exhibit. The evening is set up in a way so that everyone can connect with one another and open up discussion about the heavy topics that surround the theme.

Then Friday, April 17, will conclude the week-long event.

Mark Rosborough '11 encourages people to come out and experience the exhibit.

"A lot of people put a bunch of time and effort into this," he said. "If more people come and interact, the better the experience will be for everyone."

Love and Fear: A Juried Exhibition is going on now.

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EVE6

JUSITIN LUTZ '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

"Here's to the Night" seems to be a common anthem of high school graduates.

EVE6, the band that penned the oft-heard ballad, originally consisted of Max Collins on vocals and bass, John Siebels on guitar, and Tony Fagenson on drums, was originally conceived in La Crescenta, California, in 1995--over half a decade before many high schools were immortalizing the band's music at graduation.

The band released its self-titled first album in 1998, soon after penning a deal with major label RCA Records, all while some of the band was still enrolled in high school. This first record held the band's first hit "Inside Out," which managed to rocket to number one on the Modern Rock charts, not hindered by the video's heavy rotation on MTV. Videos for "Leech" and "Tongue Tied" followed, pushing the record to higher sales.

Despite the rabid obsession with "Here's to the Night," EVE6's second record *Horrorscope* was released to mixed reviews. Released in 2000, a mere two years after EVE6, the record had many reviewers flying the flag of the sophomore slump, damning the band to a one-hit wonder status.

All-Reviews.com described the album as "at its best, dumb but catchy." The review of the album goes on to trash it further, even condemning the band's then yet-to-be-hit single.

"Here's To the Night," with strings no less, is the kind of empty rock ballad that should have ended with John Waite. Collins is certainly not endearing as he looks for sympathy as he loves and leaves," continued the review.

This mindset of the band's style-defying hit did nothing to deter it from reaching #30 on the Billboard Hot 100 Chart, though this statistic paled in comparison to the number one standing of "Inside Out."

The sophomore slump did not seem to affect the band's drive, as three years after *Horrorscope* they churned out their third record, *It's All in Your Head*. This album validated critics who had declared the band one hit wonders, as it became the first of EVE6's records to have singles that failed to acquire any chart positions at all. After poor sales, RCA records decided to release the band from the label, reportedly leading to the subsequent announcement of the band's breakup.

While the public did not receive *It's All in Your Head* as well as the band's previous two records, some critics credited this to the fact that the fan base the band had accrued with their first two records was simply not ready to accept a darker and more experimental EVE6.

A review of the album on Sputnikmusic.com, for example, attests that "realistically, they've gotten much more depressing and brooding. They have strayed from their



Courtesy of www.paradiseartists.com

BRINGING THE BAND TO LVC EVE6, known for their hits "Here's to the Nights" and "Inside Out" is coming to LVC's Valleyfest stage. They'll be performing Saturday night in Arnold

Pop-Punk style, and fit in line with the Alternative Rock acts. It's all gritty, underappreciated, and absolutely intricate in style."

Whether the album contained good songwriting or not does not negate the fact that the album did not sell as well as RCA records would have liked, and the album looked as if it had spelled the end.

After the breakup of EVE6, the members went their separate ways and dabbled in side projects, none of which gained nearly as much popularity or success as a collaboration of the musicians through their band.

These side projects were indefinitely put on hold in the fall of 2007

when Max announced via his new band's Myspace page that EVE6 was reuniting in order to tour and record a new album.

This incarnation of the band did not include John Siebels and instead featured Matt Bair of the band Bandcamp on guitar and background vocals. This newest incarnation of the group is currently touring, and a new album is expected in the coming months. The group will be stopping at the college's Arnold Sports Center as the main act for this year's Valleyfest Festival on April 18.

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Mr. & Miss LVC to be announced at ValleyFest kick-off dinner

Who will be the next Mr. and Miss LVC?

On Dutchman Day, nine students competed in Leedy Theater for these titles and the privilege of announcing the main act, EVE6, at ValleyFest.

Competing for Miss LVC were Gina Dicamillo '10, Erin McGarvey '09, Jillian Perry '09, Kristin Turcowski '09, and Alyssa Kreider '10.

For Mr. LVC, the contestants were Aaron Miller '10, Hunter Chadeayne '09, Ryan Van Houten '09, and Sean Deffley '11. The contestants were scored in formal wear and interview, talent, and Dutch wear.

Audience members determine part of the vote by donating their spare change in the contestants' buckets. Judges Dr. Barney Raffield, Amy Ricedorf, Kristy Adams, and Deb Finkbinder determine the rest of the vote.

The winners of Mr. and Miss LVC will be announced at the ValleyFest Kick-Off Dinner on Friday, April 17 at 5 p.m.

Compiled by Alyssa Bender '11

Valleyfest (Dirt) Party with the Technocrats

Campus bands get the chance to open for EVE6

MATT HOWELL-CLARKE '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Much like Santa Claus, EVE6 is coming to town.

The pop-rock trio, responsible for hits such as "Inside Out" and "Here's to the Night," are bringing their stage show to LVC for the evening ValleyFest concert on April 18. Before they hit the stage, however, two more bands will be rocking out in the Arnold Sports Center – The Technocrats and The Dirt Party. These two student-bands tied for 1st place at ValleyFest's Annual Battle of the Bands in February, but that's about all they have in common.

The Technocrats bring a piano-driven power-pop sound to ValleyFest that will be sure to drive the crowd into a dance-fueled frenzy, whereas The Dirt Party is a group of instrumental virtuosos content with proving that jazz is not dead while still having a good time. Both acts are very unique and—more importantly—very good.

The Technocrats started out not too long ago under the name "The Bloomin' Onions." The band consisted of current members Anthony Spinnato '11, Asher Condit '11, and Aaron Glasbrenner '11, as well as a guitarist who has since transferred. The band played the TKE Battle of the Bands but went no further. Within the next year, the band members had befriended Ryan Cagno '11 and asked him to play guitar. In an interview, Spinnato kept reinforcing the fact that when it comes to performing, The Technocrats are "just hoping to have a lot of fun."

Although their name is misleading (there is no techno involved), Spinnato said that the band is interested in playing "stuff that a lot of people can tap their foot to and listen to again."

After ValleyFest, the band wants to continue to play on and around campus. Currently working with Dutch Oven Records (the record label run by the on-campus Music Industry Students Association), the band just finished tracking a four-song demo of originals that should be out by the end of this semester. Although each member

of the band is focused on graduating, Spinnato joked that if someone were to offer them enough money, they would be willing to expand beyond LVC and the surrounding area.

The Dirt Party originated from an independent study by Carl Bahner '07 during his senior year at LVC. Since then, the group has evolved into its current line-up of Bahner on drums, AJ Myers '10 (the only other original member of the group) on trumpet, Greg Harris '09 on guitar, Tim Wolfe '07 on bass, and John Rooney on saxophone. During the ValleyFest performance, the group will be augmented by the addition of Carl Schultz on saxophone, filling in for John Rooney. Myers calls Schultz's playing "absolutely sick."

The band's sound is rooted in jazz but takes elements from everything else its members collectively listen to. As Myers puts it, the sound is "improvisational, but structured." When listening to The Dirt Party, one can definitely hear the sounds of rock and classical, among other things, pushing through.

When asked about the future of the band, Myers reveals that "the band is at a crossroads." Rooney and Bahner are both moving to Texas in the near future (Rooney is going to attend school and Bahner is accompanying his fiancée, who is coincidentally going to the same school). Myers, Wolfe, and Harris would like to keep playing in the area. Despite the imminent demise of the band, that doesn't mean that they have any plans but to play their hearts out on stage at ValleyFest.

The evening concert on April 18 begins at 8 p.m. with The Dirt Party, and The Technocrats will take the stage at 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased any time, including at the concert. Prices are:

\$12 for LVC student

\$15 for LVC guest

\$17 for public (available at Ticketweb.com)

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Day Stage Entertainment 2009

Lateral

(www.myspace.com/lateralusa)

Where and When: Mund Stage, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.

Home: Tower City, PA

Influences: Alter Bridge, Tool, Avenged Sevenfold, Stone Temple Pilots, Rush, Iron Maiden, Metallica, Led Zeppelin, and Alice in Chains

With their hard-hitting tunes and lyrics, you won't mind getting up a little early to catch Lateral. And let's be honest, who doesn't like a little hard rock in the morning?

Lone Wolf Project

(www.myspace.com/thelone-wolfproject)

Where and When: Chapel Stage, Saturday, 11:15 a.m.

Home: Annville/York, PA

Influences: The Avett Brothers, Led Zeppelin, Johnny Cash, Ben Folds Five, Buddy Guy, Saul Williams

When Phil Freeman isn't onstage leading Double Entendre's electrifying stage shows, he finds himself playing folk rock with his friends. If you like laid-back, well-written music, be sure to catch this show.

LA Villains

(www.myspace.com/thelowerallenvillains)

Where and When: Mund Stage, Saturday, 12:00 p.m.

Home: Lower Allen, PA

Influences: Beer

LA Villains have been playing together for five years, and with one look at their influences, you can figure out what you're in store for.

Mad Cow Improv Comedy

(www.2etown.edu/clubs_orgs/madcow/)

Where and When: Chapel Stage, Saturday, 12:15 p.m.

Home: Elizabethtown, PA

Take some time to relax and laugh at some improv comedy from Elizabethtown College.

Double Entendre

(www.myspace.com/doubleentendrelvc)

Where and When: Mund Stage, Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Home: Annville, PA

Influences: Brand New, Fall Out Boy, Taking Back Sunday, Finch

For the 3rd year in a row, Double Entendre is bringing their stage show to ValleyFest! If you like high energy

shows with great music and greater showmanship, this band is for you.

Scott Astheimer

Where and When: Chapel Stage, Saturday, 1:15 p.m.

Home: Jeffersonville, PA

Home: Annville/York, PA

Influences: Tom Petty, Keller Williams, Sufjan Stevens, Ben Folds, Phish, Bob Marley, Death Cab, The Beatles

The Trend

(www.myspace.com/catchthetrend)

Where and When: Mund Stage, Saturday, 2:00 p.m.

Home: Trenton, NJ

Influences: Clocks, time, music, and you

Hailing from one of the most dangerous cities in America, The Trend is here to rock out. Make sure you don't miss this one-of-a-kind show.

Shoeless Grooves

(www.myspace.com/shoeless-grooves)

Where and When: Chapel Stage, Saturday, 2:15 p.m.

Home: Annville, PA

Influences: Return to Forever, Weather Report, Jaco Pastorius, John Coltrane, Charlie Parker, Jean Luc Ponty, Dave Brubeck, Felakuti, Frank Zappa, The Bad Plus

The current members of Shoeless Grooves each have their own unique musical tastes ranging from Metal to Techno but each of them shares a love for Jazz Fusion. So kick off your footwear and enjoy their set!

Thomas and the Skank Engines

(www.myspace.com/thomasandtheskankengines)

Where and When: Mund Stage, Saturday, 3:00 p.m.

Home: Annville, PA

Influences: Reel Big Fish, Streetlight Manifesto, Big D and the Kid's Table, Suburban Legends, Sublime, Green Day, The Toasters, Flobots, Anti-Flag, Arsenal Mayhem

With the greatest band name in ska, Thomas and the Skank Engines are very large and very good. Come check out their horn-infused originals as well as some covers!

Dr. E & Matty H-C

Where and When: Chapel Stage, Saturday, 3:15 p.m.

Home: Annville, PA

Influences: Paul Simon, The Beatles, John Mayer, Eric Clapton, Dave Matthews

These two best friends have been playing together in the dorms since their Freshman year and are now taking the show on the road. With laid back, acoustic covers as well as a few originals, this set is a must-see.

Without Warning

(www.myspace.com/without-warningrules)

Where and When: Mund Stage, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Home: Annville, PA

Influences: Nickelback, Papa Roach, Avenged Sevenfold, Motley Crue, 3 Doors Down, Dream Theater, Van Halen, Metallica, Jimi Hendrix

Without Warning is a brand new band from LVC. With covers by bands such as Nickelback, Foo Fighters, and Papa Roach, this band is definitely looking forward to having a rocking good time up on stage. Check 'em out!

Igor's Egg

(www.myspace.com/igorsegg)

Where and When: Chapel Stage, Saturday, 4:15 p.m.

Home: Philadelphia, PA

Influences: Frank Zappa, Phish, The Beatles, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, Talking Heads, The Flaming Lips, Jethro Tull

"Together, the group moves with a prog-rock level of synchronicity, like a flock of birds all on the same brown acid." If that quote from *Buzz Magazine* doesn't say it all, I don't know what will. Check out these prog-rockers, it's a guaranteed good time.

Letters For Lovers

(www.myspace.com/lettersforlovers)

Where and When: Chapel Stage, Saturday, 5:15 p.m.

Home: Lebanon, PA

Influences: The Rocket Summer, Jacks Mannequin, Sara Bareilles, Double Entendre

Hailing from just down the road, Letters for Lovers provide piano-driven rock music you can dance to. This is the last show of the day, so put all of your exhaustion aside and dance into the evening with this energetic act!

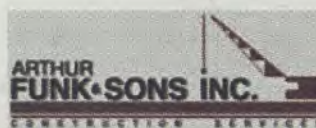
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VALLEYFEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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FRIDAY, APRIL 17- SATURDAY, APRIL 18


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Daytime
Entertainment
at the
Chapel Stage
 11 a.m. *Lateral*
 12 p.m. *LA Villains*
 1 p.m. *Double Entendre*
 2 p.m. *The Trend*
 3 p.m. *Thomas and the Skank Engines*
 4 p.m. *Without Warning*

In Front of Library

Children's Activities

SATURDAY April 18

 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 4H Club
 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Inflatables
 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Caricatures
 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Tae Kwan Do demonstration
 from the Tiger Demonstration Group
 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Hershey Park ZooAmerica
 REPTILE exhibit
 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Balloon artist
 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Dance demonstration by the
 talented dancers of Suzanne's Dance
 Studio

Near Lynch

 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Carnival Games
 Inflatables
 Non-Profit Tables
Suzanne H. Arnold
Art Gallery

38th Annual Juried Arts Show

 FRIDAY April 17
 * Opening reception & awards ceremony
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 SATURDAY April 18
 * Arts Show
 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Ongoing construction
at Humanities

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ValleyFest Schedule of Events

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Mund College Center

Wig & Buckle Presents
"Spring Awakening"
in Leedy Theater

* FRIDAY April 17 at 8 p.m.
* SATURDAY April 18 at 2 p.m.

Late Night Snacks
(in east dining hall)

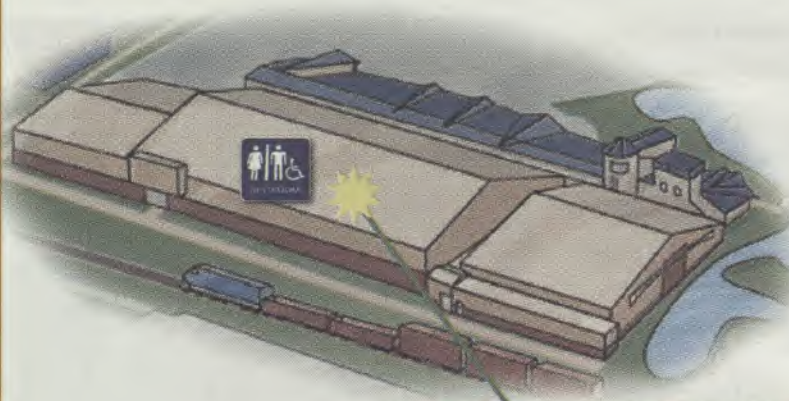
First come, First Serve

* FRIDAY & SATURDAY
12 a.m. - 1 a.m.

Daytime Entertainment at the Gazebo

SATURDAY April 18

11:15 a.m. *Lone Wolf Project*
12:15 p.m. *MAD COW Improv Comedy*
1:15 p.m. *Scott Astheimer*
2:15 p.m. *Shoeless Grooves*
3:15 p.m. *Matty/Dr. E.*
4:15 p.m. *Igor's Egg*
5:15 p.m. *Letters for Lovers*



Arnold Sports Center

FRIDAY April 17

* Glow Party Dance Party
10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

SATURDAY April 18

* Doors Open at 7 p.m.
* The Dirt Party & The Technocrats
8 p.m.
* Eve 6 starting at approximately
10 p.m.

Sheridan Avenue

SATURDAY April 18

* 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Food Vendors & Crafters

Lutz Hall in Blair Music Center

FRIDAY April 17

* Jazz Band Concert 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY April 19

* Symphonic Band Concert 3:00 p.m.

Other Events

Sand Volleyball

SATURDAY April 18

* 1 p.m. at the
Volleyball sandpit behind
Dellinger - All are welcome!



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Fulton Bank, Main Street



Information Booth | In front of Chapel, Academic Quad

Welcome to ValleyFest '09! ValleyFest is Lebanon Valley College's annual festival to celebrate the arts. Activities include carnival games, craft vendors, inflatables, and two music stages during the day. The night concert takes place in the Arnold Sports Center. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Designing ValleyFest '09

RYAN ZVORSKI '09
CIRCULATION MANAGER

With ValleyFest 2009 weekend upon us, *La Vie* was able to interview Shaun Kreider '08 and Sean Deffley '11 about their posters they designed and about the weekend in general.

Q: How did you find out about designing a poster for ValleyFest?

SK: Last year, I was publicity chair on the ValleyFest committee and even though I graduated, I offered to still help out with the designs. I ran into Heather Meier '09 at the BEST WEEK EVER presentation in the fall, and she asked if I would like to draw up some posters. I said I would love to help and took it from there.

SD: Over the winter break, I was contacted (along with about 15 other people) by Tyler Trout via Facebook. Tyler, the ValleyFest publicity chair, told us that there would be a contest for the ValleyFest designs this year. After break, those interested attended a ValleyFest meeting and from there it was off to the design races.

Q: What made you decide to design and create a poster for ValleyFest?

SK: I love ValleyFest. It's as simple as that. Plus, when I found out that they had booked EVE6, I really wanted to design something for a band that I enjoyed. Last year, I designed the poster for ValleyFest in general, as well as the concert posters for Bon Journey and Reel Big Fish. Soon, I started to see them posted all around campus and many different off-campus locations as well. Something you never get tired of as a designer is seeing your work on display for the world.

SD: Well, for one, I enjoy making advertisements, posters, and designs in general. However, since seeing Shaun's ValleyFest designs last year, I have kind of felt that doing the VF designs was almost the pinnacle of design opportunities at LVC. When I got the message



Designed by Sean Deffley '11

about the contest, I was flattered to even be considered for making the designs. Needless to say, I'm very honored that the ValleyFest Committee chose my designs.

Q: How many years have you been designing for and why?

SK: Well I've loved art for all my life but my actual design experience is limited to the last three years or so. When I took over the position of publicity chair for organizations such as Greenblotter and F-Word, I started to design many flyers and posters for events and meetings. That started the ball rolling, and soon I was recruited to the ValleyFest committee by Gene Kelly '01 and then president Jamie Floyd '08. That position, coupled with my internship in the Student Activities office, again under Gene, made me a designer for good. After college I decided, despite my BA in English, to look for work as a designer and was lucky enough to find work with a friend of LVC, United Stitches of America. Since I've taken that job, my skills have grown exponentially and my love for design has increased.

SD: Well, I guess you could say about junior year of high school, so four. But I didn't actually start doing designs for actual clubs and organizations until senior year.

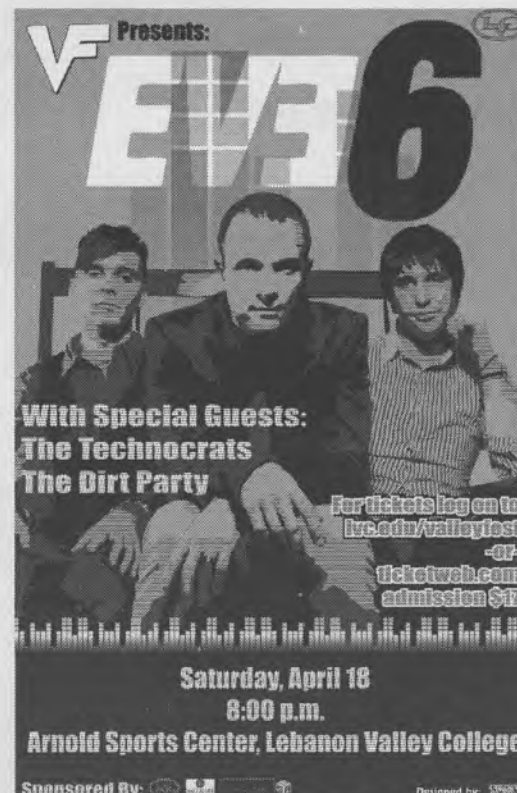
Q: How long did it take you to finish your poster and what program (s) did you use?

SK: My poster took almost six hours to complete, if memory serves. The bulk of the work was done in Adobe Illustrator, but I prepared my images in Photoshop. Another very integral tool in my poster's completion was a very helpful tutorial that I found online. The tutorial taught me how to obtain the trendy "Obama" look. I used this to change the approved photograph of EVE6 into the stylized art that you see on the poster.

SD: It took about two weeks total working in my spare time. I went through about three designs before I decided on the current one. For the final poster, the only program I used was Photoshop, but for the various designs before that I was using a mix of Photoshop and Illustrator.

Q: What is your favorite part of ValleyFest?

SK: For me, ValleyFest has always been about the music. That being said, I've always found ValleyFest to be a very relaxing weekend where you throw academic caution to the wind and have great



Designed by Shawn Kreider '08

times with your friends. However, when I joined the committee, I got a different look at ValleyFest that made me appreciate the committee members and all the hard work that they put into that one day, all for the enjoyment of their classmates. It's always great to see what your fellow Dutchmen are capable of.

SD: The atmosphere. During ValleyFest, everyone's pretty happy and it's sunny and warm. It's kind of like that perfect weekend that you've always dreamed of having.

Q: What does ValleyFest mean to you?

SK: ValleyFest is a celebration of the arts. There is, most notably, the music that is provided all day long by what is usually a great mix of campus-based bands and local talent. But there is also a great art show at the gallery and there's the craft vendors. But more than that, ValleyFest to me has always been one of the things that makes LVC such a great school to attend. Sure, many other schools have similar festivals in the spring but none of them have the same feel that the VF brings.

SD: Well, aside from a really awesome weekend, ValleyFest is the last hurrah before the end of the semester and (*dun dun dun*) FINALS.

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It's not your usual UG

Glow Dance to take place of Friday night band



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If you find yourself without something to do in between the festivities at Valleyfest, then you should definitely check out the Glow Dance Party. From 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday, the ValleyFest Committee has planned a glow party with a similar set-up as the Underground. Co-chair Heather Meier says all LVC students are welcome to attend, and like the UG, guests must be registered and bring valid ID.

So what makes this better than a typical UG dance? Well, the glow dance will be held in Arnold Sports Center and is jam-packed with fun activities. There will not only be a professional DJ, but there will also be a projector playing music videos of the songs being played. You can even make requests.

A mural that glows in the dark will be there for anyone to sign and will be displayed at the EVE6 concert on Saturday night. Body paint will also be available and students are encouraged to paint themselves with anything that glows!

Glow in the dark volleyball will be set-up and if you get hungry or parched, pretzels and water will be on sale for a dollar.

It's \$3 per student at the door or \$2 with a canned good and FREE with the purchase of a Valleyfest Saturday night EVE6 ticket (available at the bookstore). Guests are welcome at the same price.

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Recipe For Success: ValleyFest

Ingredients:

A selfless, dedicated, enthusiastic, and organized staff committee

The students who make up the ValleyFest committee are some of the hardest working students on campus. They work tirelessly to plan events, distribute publicity, sit at tables, contact vendors, and bring you a weekend that is truly one for all. The committee members are the ones who go out, do the leg work, and bring all of the crafters and other outside groups to campus. Even more, the committee is flexible and accepting of all. They realize the pressure they have on their shoulders to deliver an incredible weekend, which is why they spend so much time researching bands for the campus and ensuring that they bring a band that the student body will enjoy. The committee is extremely proud to present EVE6 this year and hope you enjoy the show!

Fundraising

The ValleyFest committee fundraises their hearts out to earn money to help run ValleyFest. They do everything from selling pizza slices, hosting vendors on campus, completing UG deliveries, hosting the Battle of the Bands competition to the Mr. and Miss LVC Contest. Even more, they reach out to sponsors and alumni to keep past students and local groups connected to LVC and the ValleyFest event. With their tireless efforts, the committee was able to raise approximately \$6000 this year to directly help ValleyFest. The ValleyFest committee is without a doubt one of the hardest working groups that fundraises at LVC.

Creativity & Publicity

ValleyFest has been blessed to have incredible artists produce posters, t-shirts, logos, tickets, and our website. This year, sophomore Sean Deffley created our general VF poster, all access passes, tickets, and the Glo-Dance flyers. Webmaster Kristi Adams was able to take Sean's work and enhance our website, www.lvc.edu/valleyfest. Also, LVC alum Shaun Kreider, who has produced VF artwork in the past, was able to design our incredible EVE6 flyers and T-shirts. We also have worked hard to make sure word of the festival gets out across the Lebanon/Lancaster/Harrisburg region. We had radio ads this year, flyers up across counties, postings on local newspaper websites, contact with local schools, colleges, and more!

As I took on the job this year as the new Associate Director of Student Activities and Engagement, I knew I had not only big shoes to fill but also high expectations, particularly in regards to planning ValleyFest 2009. As a graduate intern here at LVC in 2007, I thought I had gotten to experience what all goes into making ValleyFest weekend a success, but--believe me--there is more than you can even imagine! So what goes into making the weekend of ValleyFest a success? It is a recipe that includes many ingredients that only LVC can produce.

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Manpower & Collaboration

What can I say? The committee does a lot during ValleyFest weekend. They are the people in the staff shirts running around, lugging tables and chairs in the bright shirts from dusk to dawn. They are the people who pick up the trash, run signs around, and have sunburn at the end of the weekend. They are also the people who help unload, set up, and tear down the stage. The ValleyFest committee is so fortunate to have many other great groups on campus working with us to produce our events. A lot of times these folks are behind the scenes and they don't get the credit they deserve. AES, Media Services, College Relations, Alumni Office, Student Affairs, Public Safety, Anderson Audio, Dining Services, and Facilities are all a huge part of our operation, and we work together and sacrifice our bodies (and sometimes our sanity) for this awesome event.

A full and varied schedule

The schedule for the weekend is jam-packed with excitement, arts, food, music, children's activities, games, and more! This year, the ValleyFest committee is trying something a little different by hosting a Glo-Dance on Friday night rather than a concert. The Glo-Dance will be a full-out glow party with glow in the dark items, black lights, glow in the dark volleyball, glow paint, video screens, a DJ, and the first 50 people there will get free white T-shirts to wear so that they can get drawn on with highlighters! The schedule will also include events from other campus groups, including the 38th Annual Juried Arts Show, two productions of *Spring Awakening*, a jazz band concert, and a symphonic band concert. If that isn't enough, there will also be various performers throughout the day, inflatables, a reptile exhibit, a sidewalk chalk competition, and over 15 food vendors on campus bringing an array of goodies, as well as over 30 crafters with tons of neat stuff to check out and purchase.

Letters to the Editor

F.A.U.C.K.U. : Fact or Fiction?

Member Breaks His Silence

YOU WROTE

To the Editors:

Kudos to staff writer Tigerwind for a clever piece of perceptive investigative journalism ("New Organization ...," La Vie, 4/1/09)! Clever, too, that co-editor Jake King ("Fool Me Once ...") used the excuse of April Fool's Day to shield Tigerwind from likely faculty reprisals.

During my thirty-five years as an LVC professor, we managed to keep it a secret. Now, the existence of our cabal to coordinate student assignments is on the public record. Sure, there were always student suspicions about overlapping assignments and exams on the same day, but, until now, it was an effective part of the conspiracy to chalk up that carefully planned scheduling to seemingly random probabilities (the Math Department provided credible data). Now we can reveal some detail of the workings of the organization.

Those familiar with the conduct of faculty business will not be surprised by the fact that numerous contentious meetings were required to come up with the subtly nuanced F.A.U.C.K.U. acronym. That done, there have been intriguing annual discussions of precisely how much a student could endure before unraveling (here the Psychology Department was invaluable). Unfortunately, these debates took up precious time that could

have been used to pursue research on the subject.

Now, too, we can admit that April Schauers is not all wet in unearthing student zombification in that same edition. This nocturnal condition has been an unintended consequence of FAUCKU's work. For decades, this unfortunate byproduct was successfully masked as "Excessive Partying Syndrome" in the health records of afflicted students. An investigation, I am confident, will now be ordered.

Accurate as Tigerwind's article is, I must correct several errors of fact. First, although members of the English Department have devised many shrewd assignment-bunching schemes, no one of them ever headed FAUCKU. By tradition, the organization has always been headed by the Chair of the Chemistry Department. Second, rarely was there "diabolical laughing" associated with FAUCKU meetings. Faculty rarely laughs at anything. Third, because of the hygienic needs of the sacrifices, outdoor meetings were often held in the wee hours before dawn at the Arkabutla sculpture between the Humanities and Music buildings. Finally, not only young goats were sacrificed at these meetings. Some old goats were, too. For that reason, I plan to stay away from campus for a while.

John Norton

Professor Emeritus of English

ValleyFest Policies Already Strike a Chord With Students

YOU WROTE

To the Editor:

I got back from break and booted up my computer. The first message at the top of my inbox was the annual "ValleyFest Guidelines" e-mail. For the fourth year in a row I find myself asking, what the hell is this heinous fascism? Why is it that the one weekend out of the year that Lebanon Valley College has the potential to emulate a real college campus, they impose upon us sets of rules and regulations that sound more like they were written by Big Brother than by Greg Krikorian?

No Nalgene bottles? No large gatherings of people? I'm sorry, I thought this was America. I know that there was some "incident" half a decade ago where a townie

clocked one of Annville's finest, but is that isolated incident reason for turning LVC into a POW camp that not even Steve McQueen could escape from?

It's been five years, let us move past this and allow the student body to have some freedom. Especially with the funding cuts, ValleyFest has become less of a music festival and more of an excuse for the Annville Police to run rampant on our college campus; a place that should be a haven for the arts, not fascist oppression.

It's probably too late for this year, but maybe next year we can forego the usual gestapo details, otherwise lets just forget the whole damn thing.

Reverend Patrick Salomon '10
English



Tony Gorick '11 / La Vie

Dutchmen Day Jeers Trash left in the Academic Quad at the end of Dutchmen Day dampens the spirit.



Cheers

and

Jeers



Cheers

to all the people who participated in Relay for Life. Better yet, cheers to the LVC students who had enough motivation to help start this historic event here at the college. With many clubs represented, LVC was able to create an atmosphere perfect for raising awareness—and money: a record-breaking \$38,500 was raised to benefit the American Cancer Society. Cheers also to the cancer survivors who encouraged all who attended through their inspirational stories of struggles and triumphs. It was truly motivating.

Jeers

to the people who left piles (and we mean piles) of trash all over campus after Dutchmen Day ended. Bottles, napkins, plates, and more covered the academic and social quad. I guess the many trash cans all along every pathway were too far away for lazy students like us to walk to. It was honestly embarrassing to see how ridiculously cluttered the lawns, tables, and walkways were with trash. It seems that a college atmosphere filled with educated people could have enough brain-power to realize the absolute immaturity that goes along with this problem. I think it's time to grow up.

Letters to the Editor

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Men's golf team right on par

RYAN ZVORSKY '09
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For the LVC men's golf team, home-field advantage played an important role as the five-man White team finished second in the annual LVC Spring Invitational.

Out of the 19 teams hitting the links at the Lebanon Country Club on Monday, April 6, the Dutchmen, under 20th-year Head Coach Lou Sorrentino '54, shot a season-low 323 with three men placing in the top 25 of the 97-man field.

Leading LVC on the afternoon were Charlie Fisher '09 and Steve Garby '10, both carding an 80 to finish tied for 14th place.

Brian Moskevich '12 finished just one stroke behind Fisher and Garby, shooting an 81 to place 18th in the field.

Four-year golfer Mike Krajnik '09 finished 24th in the field, posting an 82 on the par-72 course.

The Valley's Blue Team finished 15th on the day, led by Matt Becker '12 and his 86.

On an individual note, LVC's Matt Staub '10 carded an 86 at his first collegiate tournament.

On Thursday, April 9, the Dutchmen struggled at the Elizabethtown Blue Jay Classic and placed 18th out of a possible 19 teams at the Hershey Country Club East Course.

Jablonski led the Valley on the par-71 course, shooting an 85, while Fisher, Garby, Krajnik, and Matt Snyder '11 finished out the scoring.

Fisher carded an 86 with Garby and Krajnik following with an 87 and 88 respectively. Snyder rounded out the scoring with an 89.

The team returns to the fairways today as it tees off at the Susquehanna Tournament at 1 p.m.

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Softball splits twinbill with Kean

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It is always said that pitching wins games. The Valley softball team is no exception.

After splitting a double-header against Kean University last Thursday, the Dutchmen's record stood at 20-8 overall and 6-0 in conference play. The success can largely be attributed to the pitching staff that boasts a cumulative ERA of only 2.43.

The pitching staff is led by right-handed hurler Val Malizzia '11, who is having a phenomenal sophomore campaign, named the Commonwealth Conference Pitcher of the Week four of the last five weeks. On the season, Malizzia boasts a 10-1 record, while leading the team in ERA (1.77) and innings pitched (83). She also has pitched five shut-outs, a perfect game and ten complete games on the season.

Classmate Laura Snyder '11 has also pitched well, posting an impressive 1.93 ERA and recording six wins of her own. The rookie right-hander Kristen Palmerio '12 has also shown flashes of brilliance with four wins of her own.

Thursday's doubleheader again illustrated the importance of pitching.

Malizzia made her contribution in the first game as she struck out nine and threw a complete game shut-out.

The Dutchmen split the match with Kean. They won the opener 4-0 and lost the second one 12-3 in an abbreviated five inning contest.

Offensively, Allie Davies '10 went 2-4 on the day with a home run in the opener of the two game set. She recorded one hit in each game.

Despite the final score, the second game was off to a good start with a 2-0 lead, thanks in part to back-to-back singles by Kerri Dattres '12 and

Katie DeJulio '09 to open the game and set the table for the Dutchmen's run producers in the middle of the line-up.

Afterward, allowing two runs, however, Kean's Jess Mattos (3-1) struck out five, starting the ball rolling, and leading to Kean's victory.

Kean was helped out by untimely errors by LVC as eight of Kean's 12 runs were unearned.

Despite the difficult game, Kristen Uhas '10 had an amazing game, going 2 for 2 at the plate and 3 for 6 on the day while collecting her 98th hit of her career.

Lebanon Valley (20-8, 6-0) continues its season against conference rival Messiah College (26-4, 8-0) today at 3 p.m. as they travel to Grantham looking to protect their flawless conference mark.

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Men's tennis even out week

SARAH GRODZINSKI '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Last week the Dutchmen went 1-1, improving their overall record to 7-6 and 2-1 in the conference. Lebanon Valley lost to rival Elizabethtown 6-3 on Wednesday then bounced back and beat Lycoming College 6-3 on Thursday.

On Wednesday, Tom Neckelmann '11 and Brad Sweigart '11 easily won

at number 3 doubles with a score of 8-3. Matt Grodzinski '10 and Andrew Levin '09 won a thrilling 9-7 match at number 2 doubles. However, the doubles wins were not enough to pull the Dutchmen through, as the only other winner on the day was Sweigart at number four over E-Town's Bryan Metz, 6-4, 6-4.

On Thursday, LVC won five out of six singles with Ziegler, (7-5, 6-4), Neckelmann, (3-6, 6-4, 6-1) and

Sweigart (6-4, 6-3) pulling out close wins at numbers two through four. Gingrich and Levin both easily won at numbers five and six. Grodzinski lost a tough three set match at number one. The number three duo of Sweigart and Neckelmann gained the only point in doubles for the Valley.

Their next home match is Saturday vs. Albright at 1 p.m.

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both set personal records. Gallo's time of 16.74 was the fifth fastest time in LVC history. Jerome Duncan '12 won the 110 m high hurdles with a time of 15.86 and later received third place in the long jump.

The men's distance team showed great endurance with first, second, and third place finishes in tough races. Jeremy Ansbach '09 won the 5k, Eli

Galan '09 took second place in the 10 k, and Jeff Anderson '09 finished in third place in the 800 m run. Galan's 10k finish of 35:05.20 placed him on LVC's all-time top ten performances also.

Relay teams for LVC were very successful in the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. The women's 4x100 won the race with 52.14 seconds and the men's 4x100 received second place with

a time of 44.08 seconds. The men's 4x400 team combined their efforts to secure a first place victory with a time of 3:29.28 while the women's team finished in third with 4:23.69.

The LVC Track and Field team looks forward to better weather this coming weekend at East Stroudsburg University.

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Scoreboard

Scores between 4/6 and 4/14

Baseball:

4/9	vs. Albright	L, 3-8
4/10	at Albright (1)	W, 7-4 (8)
4/10	at Albright (2)	W, 11-2

Softball:

4/9	at Kean (1)	W, 4-0
4/9	at Kean (2)	L, 3-11 (5)

Men's Tennis:

4/8	vs. Elizabethtown	L, 3-6
4/9	at Lycoming	W, 6-3

Golf:

2/6	LVC Invitational	2 of 19
2/9	E-Town Tourney	18 of 19

For upcoming games and times please visit
GoDutchmen.com

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BERT MALLOY BASEBALL

Malloy recorded a six RBI day on Friday against the Lions of Albright and slammed a home run in the opening game. Malloy also performed well defensively from behind the plate.



VAL MALIZZIA SOFTBALL

Malizzia is fast becoming a staple player in the La Vie Player of the Week award spot and rightfully so. She continued her successful season with her tenth win (5th shut-out) against Kean when she struck out nine and lowered her ERA to 1.77.



RIP

AMONGST THE JOY AND GLEE OF BASEBALL FANS ONCE AGAIN ENJOYING THE CRACK OF THE BALL COMING OFF THE BAT COMES A RESOUNDING GREAT SADNESS AT THE LOSSES EXPERIENCED BY MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FANS EVERYWHERE DURING THE COURSE OF THIS YOUNG SEASON. LA VIE WOULD LIKE TO PAY ITS RESPECTS TO HARRY KALAS, NICK ADENHARDT, AND MARK FIDRYCH.



Dutchmen fly past Lions

LVC sweeps a double-header Friday against division foe

STEVEN WISNER '09
LA VIE SPORTS EDITOR

The Dutchmen continued their success in conference play Friday as the Valley swept Albright in double-header action.

Coming off a tough 8-3 to the Lions on Thursday, the Valley came back strong to take the first game in Friday's twinbill by a final of 7-4 in eight innings.

Offensively, LVC was led by designated hitter Grant Wiest '10 and veteran backstop Bert Malloy '09. Wiest led the squad with three hits on the contest while Malloy drove in five of the team's eight runs.

The Dutchmen's offense got going in the top of the second after LVC's starter Jake Becker '11 surrendered a run to the Lions in the first inning from an RBI single off the bat of Albright's clean-up hitter and third baseman Jason Dunkelberger.

In the second, the Valley responded putting up a three spot off a three-run home run slammed to left-field.

LVC tacked on another run in the sixth inning to extend their lead to 4-2 before the Lions rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to extend the game.

The Valley took care of the Lions in short order in extra innings, putting a crooked four spot on the board in the top of the eighth, highlighted by a two-run single by Malloy.

Southpaw Caleb Fick '11 pitched in his first game of the season, throwing the final three innings and recording the win.

In the second game of Friday's double-header, left-handed starter



CATCHING SUCCESS Bert Malloy '09, the Flying Dutchmen's senior catcher, led the team in Friday's double-header, recording six runs batted in, including five of the team's seven in the first game. In the twinbill, Malloy also slammed a home run while spending both games behind the dish

Nick Faria '09 surrendered two runs to the Lions in the first inning but shut them down over the next six innings.

Faria recorded a solid seven innings in the game, allowing only two runs on five hits and one walk.

With the bats, the Valley scored early and often, knocking in three runs in the second while tacking on eight more runs during the course of the game.

Rookie center fielder Dustin Deibert '12 knocked in three runs in the game while Malloy had another solid game behind the plate, record-

ing two more hits. Every LVC player in the starting line-up had a hit in the game as the team tallied 16 hits.

With the sweep of the twinbill, the Flying Dutchmen improved their conference record to 7-2, only one season after falling to win a conference game.

"This year, we are playing with a lot of confidence," says Malloy, whose performance on Friday earned him the Commonwealth Conference player of the week award. "We have had good pitching, and our bats are coming through when we need them."

Despite the helpfulness of confidence, Malloy says one of the team's biggest goals going forward is to not become too confident.

"We need to remain level headed," says Malloy. "We can't get over confident in ourselves and become too complacent. We need to continue to work hard towards winning the league."

LVC (16-14-1, 7-2) will look to continue its success today as they travel to Susquehanna University.

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Track runs another successful meet

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At the Goucher Classic Invitational meet on Saturday, April 4, the LVC men's track team brought home a second place plaque, finishing with 144.5 points. The women's squad also enjoyed success, finishing not too far behind, placing third overall out of thirteen teams.

Along the team success, some athletes had a weekend full of accomplishments, qualifying for the ECAC meet, setting personal records, and being placed on the LVC top-ten best performance list.

Johanna Walker '12 ran the 200 m and 100 m in lightning speed, taking first and second place respectively. The freshman sprinter qualified for the ECAC meet in the 100 m and was placed on the LVC all-time top ten performance list for the 200 m with a time of 27.18 seconds.

Out on the field, Zach Beiler '11 captured first place in the javelin, discus and hammer. Andrew Scott threw the shot 44 feet and received first place, while Katie Campbell '09 launched the discus over 105 feet to place first as well.

Meanwhile, both Clint Surgeoner '11 and Amanda Knapp '09 took second place in the javelin.

The LVC women's and men's hurdlers took leaping strides this weekend. Nicole Gallo '12 and Kelsey Sherman '12 received second and third place in the 100 hurdles and

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Lines from a legend

Pulitzer Prize-winner Stephen Dunn returns to campus

"I'm not in a poem until I startle myself to discover what I didn't know I knew," Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Stephen Dunn said as he looked around the Humanities classroom on April 15.

Staring back at him were a handful of lucky Lebanon Valley College students who not only had the chance to listen to the award winning poet discuss his writing, but also got to interact with him on a personal level. Dunn devoted his day to visiting the college campus, taking questions from students in a class setting, having dinner with some students and conducting a poetry reading in Leedy Theater that evening.

"I thought he was very insightful and discussed things in his poetry I wouldn't have normally thought about," remarks Rebecca Topping

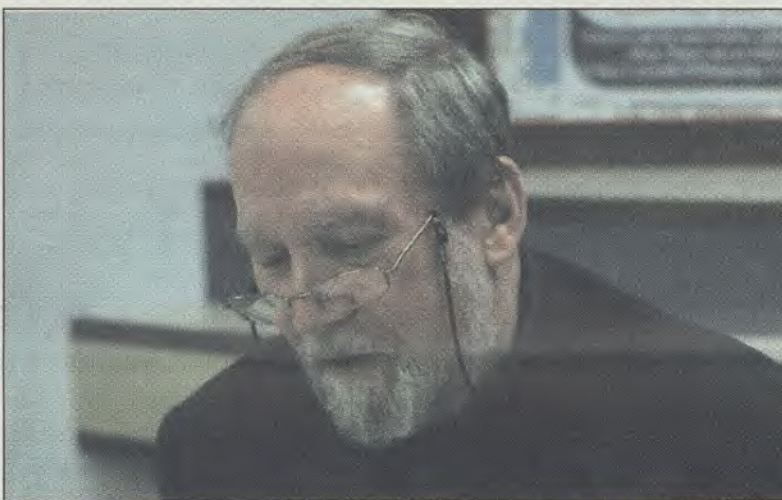


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'12 after the reading.

Dunn admitted he has come a long way in his writing. He laughed, recalling that he started writing poetry when he was seventeen in order to make girls like him. After moving to Spain for a year and attempting to write a novel, Dunn realized his strength was actually in poetry.

He claims his biggest influence came from literary friend and fellow poet, Jose Garcia Villa, who was what he called a "pure poet" because of his suggestion that poetry should not make any sense at all.

One of the things Dunn taught

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In His Own Words:

“I rarely have significant ideas prior to a poem. Inspiration occurs for me in the process.”

“[Upon winning] the Pulitzer Prize, I had my habits in place and my friends in place.”

“Lots of people get good ideas and can't put them into words. You got to practice all the time.”

“The rose, to me, signifies the rose, and the guitar signifies a musical instrument called the guitar...Sometimes a guitar is just a guitar.”

“We can’t help but bring our lives to the poems.”

-COMPILED BY NOELLE BARRETT '11

Freedom Rings strives to raise awareness of LGBT

KRISTEN VERDELLI '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Located in Annville, Lebanon Valley College confronts the issue of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) rights head on. Freedom Rings, an on-campus organization that promotes an alliance between the LGBT and straight populations, strives to obtain support and acceptance for people of all sexual orientations. Every Thursday night, members meet to voice their concerns on campus and explore methods of creating and improving tolerance for their cause, while simultaneously expressing support for each other.

"[Freedom Rings] helps to build tolerance and understanding for people who have a different viewpoint than your own," Freedom Rings President Tom Busted '09 says. "Some people were afraid of the gay community until they realized that one of their best friends is gay. Suddenly, it isn't about 'those people' anymore, but rather someone you love and care for whose life is affected by these major issues."

In its mission to build tolerance and support for the LGBT community, Freedom Rings focuses on creating straight allies. Freedom Rings' Secretary Christi Garrison '11 and Busted agree that straight allies are the people who have the most significant opportunities to help develop tolerance and change long-standing societal beliefs. "The entire idea is unity. Eventually there will hopefully be no need for a group like Freedom Rings because sexual-

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DUNN: Dunn spends the day with LVC students, allowing for interaction and questions

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the students in class on Wednesday was that you should learn not to like the idea you are writing about your poetry. If you do like it, however, he advises testing the idea so that by the end of the poem, you disagree with it. He believes that the writers who are pleased with their work the most are not true writers. He also suggested that new writers approach their task seriously and put in a lot of practice.

Once a part of a national championship basketball team, Dunn knows all about practicing.

"It's like sports," he explains. "A good shot only happens because you've taken 1000 of those shots

before, because you've prepared yourself for that moment." Likewise, he believes it may be possible to get a poem right in the first draft because of writing so many others like it.

"The reader completes your poem," Dunn says, noting that they may see things the poet did not know existed in the poem, or someone else's interpretation of the poem is completely different from what the writer had intended.

He also believes that lots of poems say exactly what they mean, and not every poem has to be embellished with metaphors.

In his poetry, Dunn writes about the human condition, pay-

ing particular attention to male/female relationships. During his reading, Dunn displayed multiple styles of writing. He has written sixteen books of poetry and won a Pulitzer Prize for his 2001 collection *Different Hours*. He has been published in *The Atlantic*, *The New Yorker*, *The Georgia Review*, *The American Poetry Review*, and many other literary magazines.

"I was pulled over dinner to go in other directions," Dunn says, claiming the students persuaded him to read certain pieces during his reading.

One of the audience's favorite poems of the night, which received

an enthusiastic crowd response, was "Seriousness," a poem about his ex-wife's insistence that crows always travel in threes and how she always won this argument.

There were also the more serious poems like "Talk to God" and "The Living," which left the audience completely silent. Dunn's prominent, grave voice sounded through the theater when he read "To a Terrorist," a poem about the 1988 Lockerbie incident in Scotland. It was hard to believe that just a minute before he had the entire group laughing as he read over his comedic poem "Don't Do That," about a talking dog at a party.

"One of the most intriguing aspects of the class, dinner, and reading with Stephen Dunn was his diversity in writing," says sophomore Mark Rosborough. "I was incredibly interested in that he was both highly intellectual but humorous at the same time. He managed to show both of these sides in many of the different pieces and thoughts he shared with us."

This was Dunn's fifth time visiting LVC, where he has read more times than any other college in the country.

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FREEDOM: Members speak out on organization

Continued from Page 1

ity will no longer be a controversial issue. It will just be part of who you are," Garrison says. Allies are considered to be such an integral part of the group that they have added a new officer this year, referred to as Ally Advocate, to solely handle the ally component of the group.

Freshman and Vice President Andrew Texter views the group as a safe and accepting place to express his opinions, but he said that he has never felt unsafe at LVC because of his sexuality. "It was astounding how safe I felt from day one here. The college is very clearly pro-diversity, and I knew violence and homophobia would not be tolerated," he says. Texter added that the Multicultural Affairs department also adds to his comfort level and provides a supportive atmosphere for diversity.

Garrison and Busteed, however, say that some issues that group members occasionally face on campus include protestors at group-sponsored events, harassment based on sexual orientation, and a lack of diversity on campus. "Another issue is sometimes roommate problems. I've been lucky to have roommates that I could be me around, but not everyone has been so lucky," Busteed says. He also said that education of LGBT rights is limited due to a lack of time students have to devote to issues other than coursework, despite the fact that there are several opportunities for education available. Texter adds that the biggest

problem he faces is the limited dating pool on campus.

Straight allies of Freedom Rings often do not escape the issues that their LGBT counterparts face on a daily basis. Most of the straight members of the group have at some point been mistakenly labeled as a homosexual due to their involvement with the group. "Many are more bothered by the fact that it should matter to people what their sexuality is. Some have been teased because Freedom Rings is the 'gay group' and have merely responded, 'Yeah, so?'" Garrison says.

Garrison's boyfriend is also a supporter of Freedom Rings and attends the meetings with her. "I myself am a bisexual, and my boyfriend knows this and is fine with it. But he started coming after becoming good friends with our president," she says. Garrison described an incident at the mall where someone assumed her friend was gay and began making derogatory remarks towards him. "My boyfriend was bothered that sexuality should be something that should even matter because Tom is such a nice guy," she says. "He became so involved to show that guys can be friends regardless of their sexuality."

Freedom Rings is open to any student on campus, regardless of sexual orientation, who wants to become involved. The group encourages students to attend their weekly meetings to learn more about their cause. "This year there

are more straight allies in the group than LGBT members, which is a positive thing," Busteed says.

The group is not only concerned with creating understanding and tolerance on campus, but they also attempt to create change at the societal level. "Attitudes have definitely improved, but there is still a long way to go yet as far as equal rights and protection in the work force," Busteed says.

Garrison says that society is split on the issue and that, although there will always be people that are against homosexuality, there are more people beginning to accept it. "There certainly has been an improvement in tolerance and support, but mainly there is an improvement of awareness because it used to be something that nobody talked about," she says.

An alliance with the straight community is something that was crucial to both Texter and Busteed when they were choosing a college. Texter said that he was impressed with the support Freedom Rings received on campus and the tolerant atmosphere LVC offered. "I knew I was coming to a supportive place where I would feel safe to be myself," he says.

Freedom Rings is preparing for the upcoming Freedom Week, which includes events focused on recruiting allies and continuing to raise awareness of LGBT issues on campus. Freedom week is scheduled for April 20-25.

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CAMPUS

CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

4-16-09 | Campus**Vandalism**

Someone painted graffiti on some of the campus buildings and inside others. Investigation continues.

4-16-09 | Summit Street**Criminal Mischief**

The newly erected wind directional flag on Summit Street was damaged. Anyone with any information please contact the Public Safety Office at x6111.

4-17-09 | Campus**Trespassing**

Several individuals were spotted climbing the scaffolding at the Humanities Center. Investigation continues.

4-18-09 | Campus**Disorderly Conduct**

A couple of off campus individuals were recklessly riding their bicycles on campus Saturday evening. They were stopped and escorted off campus.

4-20-09 | Campus**Ambulance Assist**

An ambulance was dispatched to campus for an individual who had been drinking. Student was not transported to a hospital.

4-20-09 | Sheridan Avenue**Theft**

Two international flags were reported taken off the poles on Sheridan Avenue. Anyone with any information please contact the Public Safety Office at x6111.

NEWS

Softball tournament raises money for a good cause

JAKE KING '11
Co-EDITOR

Three years ago, Rob Orth organized a softball tournament to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation through LVC's student government. Now in its third year, the tournament has become a college tradition.

"This year we have 24 teams, so it's going to be about 240 people" Mary Kent '11 says. Including spectators, roughly 280 people are expected to attend.

A representative from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Erin Velasquez, will also be present at the tournament.

Each team member pays a \$5 sign-up fee and receives a free T-shirt. Traditionally cost of the shirts have been included in the sign-up fee, but this year Student Government picked up the cost of the shirts. The tournament also received some help from local sponsors, which donated both money and items for the cause. The Women's Rugby team also donated \$100 for the tournament.

With help from sponsors and Student Government's funding of T-shirt costs, the entry fees go directly toward the tournament's cause.

"All the money that we make off of students joining the teams

goes straight to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation," Kent says.

In addition, concessions will be on sale during the event, the profits of which will also benefit the foundation.

Though there was a slight decline in the number of teams registered from last year, the money raised for the foundation is expected to be roughly the same as previous years.

The tournament is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, on the practice fields near the Gold Parking Lot. Times run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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LVC takes steps to improve retention

High school grads 'wary of enrolling at any college'

STUART JEFFCOAT '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

With the economy in a state of recession, colleges are facing more challenges than ever in retaining students and recruiting new ones. Lebanon Valley College is no exception to this, and retention and recruitment have become focuses, especially in the last year.

So just what is LVC doing to maintain and grow?

"Our first major focus is retaining students in their freshman year," explains Vice President for Student Affairs Greg Krikorian. In order to do this, the school is trying to make sure it provides enough activities to keep students interested and engaged.

"Basically we are trying to make sure there's enough fun stuff to do," he continues.

In addition, LVC has hired consultant Terea Farnum to help with some student satisfaction surveys and to address another big priority: transferring students and students of color. According to Krikorian, these two groups of students are

the most likely to leave LVC.

But as important as maintaining current students is, the college must also focus on recruiting to ensure a full student body.

"Several initiatives for new student recruitment are underway," says Bill Brown, Vice President of Enrollment. "The College has enlisted the assistance of an outstanding firm, North Charles Street Design Organization, to improve our marketing materials. NCSDO will

that more interactive and informative."

Krikorian also says that "another team of college personnel is developing a marketing plan that will provide a road map, identifying the most effective and efficient uses of our resources to market the college among prospective students."

Though these initiatives are being put into action in a timely fashion, the college is realistic about some very real challenges.

"Many families have been hurt by the economic conditions and others are so unsure of what the next several months will bring that they are wary of enrolling at any college, let alone an 'expensive' private institution."

In addition to the initiatives, LVC is also doing what it can to increase the amount of financial aid given to first-year

students, effectively escalating the competition for the shrinking number of potential students.

"To say the least, these are very interesting times," Krikorian observes.

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"Our first major focus is retaining students in their freshman year."

GREG KRIKORIAN
Vice President for Student Affairs

help us present LVC to prospective students in a more attractive and interesting way. We expect to have new marketing materials beginning in late summer/early fall."

In addition to the new marketing, the group plans to completely revamp the LVC web site "to make

SG Update

KRISTEN MILLER '10
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LA VIE STAFF WRITERS

4/6/09

Student Government approved The Skeptic Society for probationary club status. The Skeptic Society was represented by Mary Auker and is a philosophy club.

In other news, at its Monday, April 6 meeting SG approved giving \$3,000 to the cheerleading team for new uniforms. The total cost of the uniforms is \$4,000 and the athletic department will provide \$1,000.

Student Concerns: People are driving the wrong way on Summit St. behind Mund. There needs to be a yield sign at the main exit of campus so cars do not block the entrance to Summit St. Commuters would like it to be easier to register their cars with the Anville Township.

Finally, the meeting was closed to the public so the Executive Board for the 2009-2010 academic school year could be chosen. Those up for election were Mark Fersch (president), Katie Krediet (vice president), Spiros Anastasiadis (treasurer), Ashton O'Brien (secretary), and Mary Kent (club liaison).

There are five new members representing SG for the 2009-2010 academic school year.

4/20/09

Patrick Salomon represented NORML (National Organiza-

tion for the Reformation of Marijuana Laws) at this week's meeting to achieve full club status, which was granted. The club strives to inform the college community concerning the benefits of marijuana. NORML hosts movies and attends rallies for issues such as the medical marijuana bill being delivered in Pennsylvania's House of Representatives.

Student Government announced that dining hall surveys will be sent to students soon. The dining hall will also host new food tastings. Hallmark's director will be giving more details at next week's meeting.

Student Concerns: An R.A. in SG was concerned that the Valley Fest rules were not enforced effectively last weekend by Public Safety. A few other members were concerned with how strict the rules were, and want to attempt to influence the administration's decision with regard to next year's rules.

Next year's "Nuts and Bolts" handbook for on-campus organizations will include more information regarding facilities and equipment available to them, such as grills. In case an organization was unaware of this, the handbook will discuss how to loan these items from the College.

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Corrections & Clarifications

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an e-mail to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: *Corrections*.

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Page 2, "Dutchman Day arrives just in time"

-Dutchman Day was incorrectly announced as "Thursday, April 3rd" when it should have been "Thursday, April 2nd"

Features

Legalizing Mary-J



PATRICK SALOMON '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

There is no other way to say it: marijuana prohibition is the dumbest, most harmful thing America has ever done to its citizens. It is the culmination of American legislative stupidity, placing the welfare and pocket-books of every taxpaying citizen in jeopardy.

To legalize or not to legalize is not even a question. The defense for prohibition formulated in the '30s has been debunked by the magic of science and mathematics. Crazy reefer addicts

Constructing a case for cannabis

aren't cruising our streets looking for helpless virgins to rape. Drugs sold by Pfizer wreak more havoc on the brain than the finest Moroccan hashish.

It is time for America to face the music: the slew of prohibition laws are stupid. There is no shame in admitting to the mistake; oversight happens all the time and people make stupid mistakes every day. Now it is high time for the mistake of marijuana prohibition to be corrected. Are these swine going to acknowledge the harsh truth that they were, and still are, wrong?

Ah, the truth—a rare and dangerous commodity in this day and age. The truth of the \$150 billion

we spend per year on enforcement and court costs, with 50% of arrests being marijuana related. Or the truth of the \$68 billion per year we spend on prisons, with 33% of those in jail there on marijuana charges.

No, President Obama, perhaps legalizing marijuana won't help us "grow our economy." Maybe it would save us, the taxpayers, the billions which we lose annually on this waste of a war. Maybe it would help trim the profit margins of the Mexican drug cartels that make \$25 billion every year off of American drug habits. On that note, if drugs were legalized, would there be violent drug dealers at all?

This isn't just about the Mike Phelps and Andy Goetz's of the world anymore. Marijuana legalization is no longer a case of "fight the power, man." Our economy is hurting, and while legalizing marijuana wouldn't be a cure-all, it would certainly be a boon. Mexico is burning, and the reason why there are violent drug dealers is because America created drug laws. Prohibition has created more problems for the U.S. and the world—in terms of money as well as quality of life—than will ever be worth it.

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Campus shares views through online survey

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In an online survey conducted by *La Vie Collegienne*, 94 students and seven faculty members shared their views on U.S. marijuana laws.

Students and faculty were asked the following question: How do you feel about the idea of legalizing or decriminalizing marijuana in the United States?

Respondents could say they supported one of the following: decriminalization (a small penalty for usage), legalization for medical purposes only, complete legalization and regulation similar to that of alcohol, or the laws ought to remain the same as the current laws.

Respondents were also offered the option of saying that they are still undecided.

Thirty-seven students said they support "complete legalization and regulation similar to that of alcohol."

Twenty-one students said they felt there ought to be no change in current laws, while eighteen responded that they supported legalization for medicinal purposes only. While eight students remained undecided, ten said they supported decriminalization, which would result in a small penalty for usage.

Out of the faculty members who responded, one supported decriminalization and six answered that they supported complete legalization and regulation similar to that of alcohol.

With 39.4 percent of students who responded to the survey claiming that they support complete legalization, LVC students seem to be relatively in line with the results of a 2002 TIME/CNN poll which showed 34 percent of respondents supporting total legalization of the drug.

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AGAINST Make marijuana legal? What are you smoking?



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PERSPECTIVES EDITOR

Apparently, some people think it's a good idea to legalize marijuana.

Strictly speaking about cannabis sativa, the plant used for marijuana, it should stay illegal. I don't see the current gun-wielding drug lords caring about the health of their buyers or cooperating with the U.S. government and paying taxes on their million dollar homes and sports cars.

Although the plant has been around for centuries, some people still think marijuana hasn't evolved (apparently, only cavemen and monkeys can do that). Reports indicate that THC, the chemical in marijuana that controls its potency, has strengthened, resulting in increased user and addiction rates. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services states that between 1990 and 1996, new users increased from 1.4 million to 2.5

million.

I don't know what these people are smoking, but why would anyone in their right mind want to legalize an addictive drug that can be laced with formaldehyde? I guess they want to start preserving their bodies early for their premature death.

While it is arguable over whether or not marijuana leads to the usage of other drugs, it is clear that marijuana can do serious damage to the body, and its side effects can last a lifetime. One joint results in an increased heart and breathing rate, high blood pressure, dry mouth, red eyes, and slower reaction time. Let's not

forget another important side effect: death. Go ahead and tell me that smoking marijuana once won't kill you, but tell that to money-hungry drug lords who lace it with poisonous chemicals to sell less and make

more money.

While the physical effects of doing drugs may wear off shortly, the psychological effects can last from a week to a lifetime, increasing with frequency. Researchers are seeing rising numbers of schizophrenics who smoked marijuana habitually. According to WebMD.com, marijuana can also stay in the system for several days, possibly causing short-term memory loss, "magical or imaginary thinking," depression, anxiety, paranoia, and a distorted sense of time.

To those who want to legalize marijuana for financial reasons, who is going to be in charge of it?

Marijuana would have to be regulated by someone like the FDA in order to eradicate bad batches of marijuana laced with harmful chemicals.

We're also going to need a better health care plan so when users have extra health issues, they can be cared for. Or when an intoxicated driver hurts someone, the government can be responsible. A system would have to be created to measure how much marijuana is in the driver's bloodstream.

Overall, it would just open a new can of worms for our legal system.

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Arts & Entertainment

A darker side to spring at LVC

*Wig & Buckle performs an original translation of a controversial play*NOELLE BARRETT '11
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The cast of Wig & Buckle brought Stephanie Henrich's translation of Frank Wedekind's *Spring Awakening* to life as they took to the stage for opening night on Friday, April 17.

Spring Awakening centers on the lives of three teenagers who face the pressures life often has to offer. The characters live in a sheltered world where people in authority ignore the teens' need for guidance and advice.

Wendla Bergmann (Emily Gertenbach '11), attempts to find out where babies come from. Moritz Stiefel (Brian Stefaniak '11) searches for answers from a friend, Melchior Gabor (Ben Long '10) about his sexual urges. Meanwhile, Gabor has secret struggles of his own. These three characters, along



photos courtesy of Wig and Buckle

SPRINGTIME DRAMA From left, cast members Sean Deffley '11, Ben Long '10, Emily Gertenbach '11, Erin Brubaker '11, Brian Stefaniak '11 and Eric Mansilla '12 perform scenes from a new translation of a controversial German play

with many others, are searching for truth.

Some hot topics that are experienced in the play include expulsion from school, abortion, rape, suicide, and physical abuse. Despite the play being so controversial, the cast gave stellar performances.

Gertenbach's portrayal of Wendla is realistic. It's frightening

that her character must face the inevitable consequences from occurrences beyond her control.

The characters' portrayals may have you shifting in your seats, but the cast's ability to perform scenes that are often considered uncomfortable is refreshing.

A modern take on the play allows the audience to relate to the

characters.

Spring Awakening has a serious overtone with moments of comic relief, including senior Steve Wisner's entertaining performance as Knuppeldick.

Other highlights include a scene with Hans (Sean Deffley '11) talking to a picture of Marilyn Monroe and a scene with Melchior and

Wendla at a beech tree.

Act three is full of shocking surprises and will truly blow your mind. Henrich has put a new twist on the ending, so it's definitely worth checking out.

Spring Awakening will run through this Sunday.

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Star-studded thriller keeps audiences enthralled

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State of Play, the latest from director Kevin MacDonald and Universal Pictures, tackles government corruption and power of the press while following one man on his quest for the truth.

With a star-studded cast of sublimely casting including Ben Affleck, Russell Crowe, Rachel McAdams, and Helen Mirren, the film seemed a success from the beginning of production.

The film opens with one man dead and another mortally wounded—cold-blooded murder. Crowe is sent to report the story on behalf of *The Washington Post*.

Stemming from deep within the government, Crowe searches for the truth with his partner (McAdams) in hopes to clear his friend (Affleck) and local congressman's name before the story goes to press.

State of Play is a carefully tangled web of lies and deception with a quick and engaging pace. The numerous plot twists are provided at just the right moments to reveal how closely intertwined the



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PRESSING ON Russel Crowe plays a journalist attempting to clear a congressman's name before time runs out

characters lives really are. The plot is convoluted but not impossible to follow.

The casting was top notch, and all the actors embodied their characters well. Crowe was especially entertaining by personifying the stereotype of a reporter because he's messy, appears very unorganized but has everything together, and has an unfriendly arrogance about him.

Some may be surprised to see Rachel McAdams teaming with Crowe in this picture. She has grown and matured as an actress, outliving her

love-struck starlet days in the widely popular Nicholas Sparks adaptation of *The Notebook*.

Mostly a dialogue-driven thriller, *State of Play* keeps viewers pinned to their seats until the final climactic moments in which the truth is finally revealed.

The camera was only briefly stationary for the duration of the film, constantly in motion. Overall, this technique added to the grittiness and realistic appeal of the film.

The script is witty and clever and sure to entice the most dubious of critics. Thankfully, this pre-May release doesn't suffer from the usual lull of trite April releases.

Originally, *State of Play* was to

be broadcasted on television as a six-part miniseries, but both actors and production team were confident that making a movie was a more budget savvy decision. After much editing and redrafting, audiences were left with the two-hour film now playing in a theater near you.

This film is nowhere near perfect, nor does it claim to be, but it's a taut, intelligent ride from beginning to end.

Simply put, *State of Play* leaves audiences in a state of excitement!

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Letter to the Editor

YOU WROTE

Dr. John Norton, Professor Emeritus, has done many things over the course of his storied career. He has sailed a wooden boat off the coast of Maine, predicted the exact winning margin of the 1968 presidential election, saved a child from drowning in the Quittapahilla, bitten the ear off an angry Rottweiler in a fight, finished off seven Manhattans in under thirty minutes, stayed awake for 72 hours straight for no good reason, and taught the first and only classes ever offered at LVC in cryptozoology and astrology.

He also served as a consultant on the set of the film "Animal House," which was based on his Florida State University fraternity (I'll let you guess which character was based on Dr. Norton). However, contrary to your (or his) claim in the last issue of *La Vie*, he has never been a Professor of English.

Libertas in veritatem,

Dr. Gary Grieve-Carlson
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Students praise readership program

Have you ever noticed the USA Readership Program stands stocked with newspapers around campus? The Student Government helps keep the USA Readership Program alive and should be praised. The program was piloted last spring for about five or six weeks. It was so popular, the USA Readership Program officially started in the fall semester '08. The program stops during academic breaks and for the summer. During the pilot period, Student Affairs covered the budget completely.

Student Government covered one-third of the total cost for the 2008-2009 academic school year. Next year, Student Government will be covering half of the total cost of \$12,000. "IfSG did not help fund this program at all, Student Affairs could not fund it fully," says Vice President for Student Affairs Gregory Krikorian. Student Government's budget is higher this year due to the college taking financial responsibility of *La Vie*. Next year, each paper will increase in cost by 2 cents, which will not affect Student Government's ability to fund the program.

The program has been very popular on campus. Last fall, students picked up 3,436 copies of USA Today, 2,941 copies of The NY Times, and 3,245 copies of the Patriot News. "The program ties directly into classes and course work," states Krikorian. "Knowing what's going

on is part of being a well-educated person." Student Government Treasurer Steve Kurtz agrees. "As an entering freshman, I felt extremely disconnected from the outside world. This was no one's fault but my own; however, I feel increasing accessibility directly increases awareness," says Kurtz. "Even when students pick up the paper, scan the front page, and place it down, they are that much more aware than others without this opportunity."

The USA Readership Program also has a corresponding recycling program which aids the college's green initiative. Each paper is read between 4 or 5 times.

The program is reviewed annually, and as long as there is an interest in the paper, the program will continue. SG plans to continue funding as needed. "Most of our members value the program, and from what I have seen, the general consensus of the students reflects the same opinion," says Kurtz.

Nearly 500 campuses nationwide participate in this program. LVC should be proud of its Student Government for making readership accessible on our campus.

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The Importance of Perspectives

DEAR READERS:

La Vie Collegienne means "the college life" in French, and it just so happens that it sounds pretty good as the name of a college newspaper, too. Truth be told, I'm not sure of the exact rationale behind choosing that particular name, but I think that the name in and of itself embodies what this publication should do—inform the reader about "the college life."

Part of that lifestyle, undoubtedly, is the ability of students to express their opinions openly, and it is this spirit that we try each week to embody on our Perspectives page. That being said, I'd like to make a brief comment on an editorial in last week's issue concerning the regulations on ValleyFest, which was met with some controversy. Whether that student is right or wrong is a matter of personal opinion, but I nonetheless felt it necessary to clear up any confusion by outlining our purpose of having this page in general.

Personally, I like to think of this as a sort of "Suggestions Box" for the campus. In fact, this is one way we get ideas for stories we cover in our news section. From the eyes of a reporter, if an issue is so compelling that we get a letter about it, odds are good that more than one person feels the same way and it has possible ramifications for the entire campus.

Our goal, in short, is solely to promote discussion on topics that are of concern to the college community, not to rant. We're grateful to have a relationship with the administration of LVC in which we can print free of censorship, which is certainly not the case with all post-secondary institutions. So in closing I urge all our readers to take advantage of this opportunity and this page and praise what is praiseworthy and question what should be questioned. Admittedly, this editorial is ill-timed since this is our last issue of the semester, but for the future we hope to have your input.

Sincerely,

Jake King
Co-Editor, *La Vie Collegienne*



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The LVC Track and Field team is performing its way to the MACs and ECACs. Only weeks away, these championship meets only showcase a select few athletes that have competed at a high level of athleticism. Thus far, eighteen women and twenty men are qualified for the MACs and nine athletes have reached the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) mark.

Coach Melissa Weidler explains the dynamics of the MAC meet and her expectations for her athletes' performances.

"There are ten teams that compete in the MAC Championships--our goal is to finish 4th in each," said Weidler. "It will take outstanding per-

formance and an entire team effort, but I truly feel our team is capable of achieving what we put our minds, too."

Coach Weidler's excitement should give the LVC athletes all the confidence they need to have a successful day at this contest.

The following athletes have already qualified for the ECAC. Among this list, high jumper Joseph Meehan '12 has only one meet of experience under his belt. His extraordinary jumping skills helped him reach 6'1 inch and a guaranteed spot at this competition. Congratulations and best wishes to: Zach Beiler '11 in the Discus, Jenn Cronin '11 in the 3000 Steeple Chase, Jerome Duncan '12 in the 110 m Hurdles, Amanda Knapp '09 in the Javelin, Joe Meehan '12 in the High Jump, Johanna Walker '12

in the 100 m and 100 m Hurdles, and the Men's 4x100 m Relay Team consisting of Duncan, Tyler Cisarik '10, Justin Lee '11, and Josh Light '10.

With two weeks remaining, several more athletes have favorable chances of gaining an opportunity to participate in the ECAC meet, including: Megan Long '10, Andrew Scott '11, Jeremy Ansbach '09, Mike Landshof '11, and the Men and Women's 4x400 m Relay Teams.

Distance coach James O'Brien explains the proceeding weeks and gives positive insight on how he envisions the success at the MACs.

"We're really excited to go into the last few weeks of our season as we begin to back our athletes off and let their bodies reap the benefits of months upon months of training," says O'Brien. "We have a few sharp-

ening workouts but for the most part the hay is in the barn and the MAC [Championship] will be the chance to see how we stack up against our conference rivals. I'm confident that we're going to do very well."

This Thursday and Friday, the LVC's 4x100 and 4x400 m Relay teams will be racing at Penn Relays, and on Saturday athletes will be competing at the Shippensburg Invitational Meet.

The next week is MACs at Elizabethtown College with the ECACs in Springfield, Mass. to directly follow on May 14th and 15th.

"We have experienced a rebirth this year, and I am excited about the future of LVC track," concludes coach Weidler.

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as they fell 73-75 in double overtime to Widener University in the championship game.

Men's basketball struggled a bit, finishing the season just under .500 (12-13). The ice hockey squad also struggled, failing to win a game against their stiff competition.

Nevertheless, LVC athletics still had an impressive season thanks in large part to the success of the indoor track and field squad.

The team performed well with numerous MAC and ECAC qualifiers and the swimming team received solid performances from a number of individuals throughout the year.

Perhaps most impressive from this season was that 35 students were named to the MASCAC Winter Academic Honor Roll. LVC had the second most athletes on the list that includes athletes from 16 different member schools.

Spring sports season

The spring season was another

strong one for LVC. The softball and baseball teams have both secured play-off berths.

Additionally, the track and field squad has already qualified players for the ECACs, men's tennis has been solid, and although golf has struggled some this season, they did finish 2nd of 19 teams at the LVC Invitational.

The LVC baseball team is the most impressive team from the spring sports. Sitting at a record of 18-15-1, including a 9-3 conference mark is quite a turnaround from last season, when the squad was winless in conference play.

The girls of the diamond have also been impressive, posting a 2.20 ERA through Monday while out-scoring opponents 145-83 en route to a 22-10 overall record. The Valley's three no-hitters on the season have also been quite impressive.

While there is still some of the spring season to be played, there is every reason to smile if you are an LVC fan.

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SOFTBALL: 14 innings, 0 hits

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the Valley's offense was relatively silent as third-baseman Allie Davies '10 collected the only two RBIs on the day. The Dutchman took the first game 2-0 after scoring two in the first inning. The second game ended with a 1-0 final.

"Our team is determined to play our hardest for these last few games this week," says Malizzia. "We all have the conference tournament in the

back of our minds, but we are trying to take it one game at a time."

The season is coming to an end for the Valley, who had their double-header against Scranton postponed yesterday. The squad, however, still has doubleheaders against Wilkes and Widener before the Commonwealth Conference play-offs starting on the first of May.

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BASEBALL: Quick rebound

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this season. We all resented that, especially the upper classmen," says Helwig, who says the lack of respect has been a big motivating factor on the season.

"We take it one game at a time," says Helwig. "We really haven't proved anything yet, but coming into the last conference series with a chance to win the regular season is right where we want to be."

With the team's success, the players have found renewed confidence this season which has helped the

squad play up to its potential.

"We know we can hang with any team out there if we keep playing our game," says Wiest. "Hopefully, we can make this a season to remember."

This weekend the Valley has a crucial series, as the Dutchmen take on the Blue Jays of Elizabethtown, who currently sit atop the conference standings. The team looks for your support as the season comes to a close.

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Scoreboard

Baseball:

4/17 vs. Arcadia W, 11-10 (12)
4/18 at Arcadia-DH L, 9-10; W, 16-14

Softball:

4/16 at Messiah-DH L, 1-2; L, 1-2
4/18 vs. Arcadia-DH W, 2-0; W, 1-0
4/21 vs. Scranton-DH PPD

Men's Tennis:

4/18 vs. Albright W, 9-0

Golf:

4/19 at Glenmaura 12/12

Track & Field:

4/18 at East Stroudsburg n/a

Upcoming Games

For a comprehensive list of upcoming games please visit:

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

GRANT WIEST BASEBALL

Wiest batted 8 for 13 in the series against Arcadia, which allowed LVC to clinch a play-off spot. Wiest also walked four times and drove in 8 runs in the three game set.



LAURA SNYDER SOFTBALL

Snyder pitched the second of back-to-back no-hitters on Saturday for LVC. In the game, she walked only two while striking out 14. The performance lowered her ERA to a team leading 1.56.



VALLEY TALLY

Former Dutchmen middle linebacker Brian Cottone will continue his football career for the Kuopio Steelers in Finland starting on May 30. Over his four-year career, Cottone posted 316 tackles and six interceptions for the Valley ... During their two conference matches against Messiah and Albright, LVC split, downing the Lions 9-0 and falling to the Falcons, 5-4. Andrew Levin '09, Jon Gingrich '10, and Brad Sweigart '11 were 2-0 individually in singles play. Both men's and women's tennis is off to Landisville for the conference playoffs this weekend ... Men's golf placed second in the tri-match in Reading against Albright and Alvernia. At the Berkshire Country Club, Steve Garby '10 finished with an eight-over 79 to place tied for third in the 20-man field. At the Glenmaura National Collegiate Invitational, the Dutchmen finished 12th, as Garby led LVC with an 81.

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One plus one equals zero

Malizzia and Snyder hurl back-to-back no-hitters

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Great pitching wins games. The LVC softball team knows the truth of that.

Coming off back-to-back losses to Messiah College on Thursday, the Valley had something to prove. The team made its point against Arcadia on Saturday taking both games of the doubleheader.

In game one, Val Malizzia '11 took the mound for the Dutchmen, hurling all seven innings with ten strikeouts, forfeiting three walks and no hits.

This no-hitter was the second for Malizzia on the year, after tossing a perfect game against Lycoming last month.

Not to be out done, Laura Snyder '11 took the mound in the second half of the twinbill, tossing a no-hitter of her own, striking out a career-high 14 hitters while walking only two.

The pair's performances knocked



Courtesy Sports Information

SNYDER STRIKES AGAIN The Dutchmen's sophomore right-hander Laura Snyder '11 struck out a career high 14 batters on Saturday while teaming up with Val Malizzia '11 to throw back-to-back no hitters

the team ERA to an impressive 2.20. As of Monday, Snyder led everyone on the team with at least one inning pitched, posting a 1.56 ERA. Malizzia found herself just points behind with a 1.68 ERA.

The pair of hurlers support each other when they are on the field and have a very strong relationship, helping to push each other to perform at their best.

"Laura [Synder] and I both have

really similar attitudes towards pitching. We like to have fun with it and we always want the other to do well," says Malizzia.

Despite the solid relationship, they still do help to push each other to improve.

"We definitely are not competitive with each other, but I think that we do motivate each other to pitch better," says Malizzia.

Malizzia and Snyder were not the only Valley players to impress on Saturday. First-baseman Kristen Uhas '10 went 1 for 3 in the second game to collect her 100th career hit. In doing so, Uhas became only the second player in LVC history to reach that milestone in her junior season.

"It feels great to have the whole team pull together to not allow any hits for an entire 14 innings," says Snyder, who credits everyone on the field for making the necessary plays.

Outside of Uhas' milestone hit,

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This year in LVC sports

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Fall sports season

During the fall 2008 season at the Valley, many Dutchmen teams set high benchmarks for the fall of 2009. The field hockey team for the second time in three years played in the NCAA Division III Final Four, completing a 19-4 record.

Women's volleyball, for the first time in program history, won the Commonwealth Conference championship under Head Coach Wayne Perry '78, who broke the 400-win plateau. They also completed their best mark on record, going 33-3, and reaching the NCAA Division III First Round.

The men's soccer program also made noise in the conference, as the men clinched the number-one seed in the conference postseason after going 5-1 against their rivals.

Football, going 6-4 for the second time in three years, played their final regular-season game with a chance to reach the postseason.

A very experienced women's tennis squad finished conference play a perfect 5-0 and 13-2 overall. The team plays this weekend for the chance for a conference crown.

Finally, the men's and women's cross country team under First-Year Head Coach James O'Brien '07 showed it is the real deal and will be a force in the MAC for years to come.

Winter sports season

The women's basketball squad helped carry the Valley's success into the winter sports season with a 17-9. This record put them just three points back of a Commonwealth Conference championship and NCAA bid,

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Baseball hits its way to postseason play

STEVEN WISNER '09
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While the Valley's two-game split with Arcadia on Saturday dropped the squad to second in the conference after Elizabethtown swept Widener, the Valley still managed to clinch a play-off spot during the three-game weekend series.

Friday, the Valley played to an epic 11-10 win in 12 innings, a win that secured LVC's spot in the Commonwealth Conference playoffs which starts on April 30.

On Friday, the Dutchmen found themselves tied 8-8 after nine. Earlier in the game, the Valley scored three runs in the second and continued to put runs on the board in every inning through the sixth.

The score remained tied until the 12th inning, when the Knights put two runs on the board off a 2-run double by Dan Morris. The Valley



Courtesy Sports Information

HAPPY HITTING Grant Wiest '10 went 8 for 13 with a home run during the weekend series against Arcadia to help LVC win 2 out of 3, landing him the Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week award. As a team, LVC scored 36 runs in the three games

came back, however, with a two RBI single by Grant Wiest '10 and a walk-off sacrifice fly off the bat of first-baseman Joe Soumik '09.

Saturday was another wild day for the Valley as the squad got off to an

early 3-0 lead in the first game before surrendering four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Nevertheless, the team took a 9-6 score into the bottom of the seventh inning before collapsing in the bot-

tom of the seventh to lose the game 10-9.

In game two, it was the Dutchmen's turn for the comeback victory.

The Valley got off to an early 2-0 lead off a two-run single from left-fielder Wiest in the top of the first. Senior southpaw Nick Faria '09 maintained the two run lead from the hill through two before Arcadia exploded for eight runs in the third inning.

LVC came back with an eight run spot of their own in the sixth inning, ultimately putting the Valley in the lead for good.

The inning was topped off by a pair of three-run bombs off the bat of designated hitter Bert Malloy '09 and right-fielder Derek Helwig '09.

The Dutchmen have been the surprise team in the Commonwealth Conference this season.

"We were picked to finish last...

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